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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1890.

Moderator.

F. A. HOBART.

Town Clerk.

SAMUEL A. BATES.

Town Treasurer.

ANDREW J. BATES.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

ANSEL O. CLARK. J. FRANKLIN BATES. NATHANIEL F. HUNT.

School Committee.

ALBERT E. AVERY (3 yrs).	JOHN REED (3 yrs.) (resigned).
L. H. H. JOHNSON.	H. L. DEARING.
E. AUGUSTUS WILD.	MRS. ANN M. BROOKS.
MRS. REBECCA H. MORRISON.	

Collector of Taxes.

DAVID H. B. THAYER.

Water Commissioners.

ASA FRENCH. JOHN V. SCOLLARD. JAMES T. STEVENS.

Auditors.

DANIEL POTTER. ALVERDO MASON. L. WILLARD MORRISON.

Trustee of Thayer Public Library (to fill vacancy).

E. WATSON ARNOLD.

School Fund Committee (to fill vacancies).

HENRY A. JOHNSON. FRANCIS A. HOBART.

Fence Viewers.

FREEMAN G. CROSBY. JOHN V. SCOLLARD. JOSIAH PENNIMAN.

Constables.

HORACE FAXON.	ALBERT HOBART.
EDWIN L. CURTIS.	JAMES A. REYNOLDS.
GEORGE T. DEE.	HENRY M. STORMS.
CONRAD MISCHLER.	BENJAMIN J. LORING, JR.
JAMES R. QUALEY.	EVERETT A. HARRIS.
THOMAS FALLON.	ISAAC L. JONES.
JOHN KELLEY, of Quincy Avenue.	

TABLE OF AGGREGATES SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND
THE VALUE OF PROPERTY ASSESSED IN THE TOWN OF BRAIN-
TREE, FOR THE YEAR 1890 : —

Number of persons assessed for poll-tax only . . .	743
“ “ residents assessed on property . . .	857
“ “ non-residents assessed on property . . .	205
“ “ firms and corporations in town . . .	14
“ “ “ “ “ out of town . . .	5
Total number of persons, firms, and corporations . . .	1,824
“ “ “ polls	1,311
Value of assessed personal property . . .	\$840,475
“ “ buildings	1,568,175
“ “ land	1,041,000
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Total valuation	\$3,449,650
Number of acres of land	7,961
“ “ dwelling-houses	990
“ “ horses assessed	550
“ “ cows assessed	551
“ “ oxen assessed	4
“ “ swine assessed	561

At the annual town meeting the following sums were raised and
appropriated : —

For support of schools, besides school funds	
and dog tax	\$9,500 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	1,100 00
Text-books and supplies	700 00
Superintendent of schools	1,200 00
Conveyance of pupils	200 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Repairs of highways	4,000 00
Stone road	3,000 00
Removal of snow	500 00
Public Library	700 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$25,200 00

Amount brought forward	.	.	.	\$25,200 00
For Janitor	.	.	.	600 00
Town lands	.	.	.	100 00
Interest on town debt	.	.	.	1,200 00
Interest on water bonds	.	.	.	2,500 00
Sinking fund	.	.	.	2,000 00
State aid, Chap. 279	.	.	.	400 00
Incidental expenses	.	.	.	1,200 00
Collection and abatement of taxes	.	.	.	700 00
Town officers	.	.	.	2,500 00
Law suits	.	.	.	5,000 00
Post 87, G. A. R.	.	.	.	175 00
Fire department	.	.	.	1,200 00
Hose carriages	.	.	.	600 00
Delivering books	.	.	.	100 00
Celebration of 250th anniversary	.	.	.	2,000 00
Eliot Street	.	.	.	300 00
Flagstones	.	.	.	500 00
Committee on Sewerage	.	.	.	150 00
Moderator	.	.	.	25 00
				<hr/> \$46,450 00
Less bank and corporation tax deducted	.	.	.	7,000 00
				<hr/> \$39,450 00

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation		<u>\$9,500 00</u>
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High School.

Paid C. E. Stetson, teaching 40 weeks, at	
\$30	\$1,200 00
Carrie M. Bassett, teaching 40 weeks,	
at \$15	600 00
	<u> </u> \$1,800 00

POND SCHOOL.

Paid Fred H. Saunders, teaching 40 weeks,	
at \$17.50	\$700 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$700 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$700 00
Paid Sarah L. Arnold, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$10		400 00
Helen C. Bacon, teaching 24 weeks,		
at \$10		240 00
Martha S. Harding, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
Carrie L. Whiting, teaching 16 weeks,		
at \$10		160 00
Emma M. Kane, teaching $18\frac{4}{5}$ weeks,		
at \$3		56 40
Annie M. Brooks, teaching $10\frac{4}{5}$ weeks,		
at \$3		32 40
Annie M. Brooks, teaching 8 weeks,		
at \$5		40 00
Sarah M. Aldrich, teaching 12 weeks,		
at \$10		120 00
Sarah M. Aldrich, teaching 4 weeks,		
at \$12		48 00
Nellie Connors, teaching $3\frac{4}{5}$ weeks, at		
\$10		38 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal		70 38
C. H. Potter, kindlings		7 20
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		\$2,112 38

UNION SCHOOL.

Paid Herbert E. Walker, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$17.50		\$700 00
Abbie A. Mills, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
Abbie A. Mills, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$12		240 00
Sarah L. Hadley, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$10		400 00
Adelaide E. Perry, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,740 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,740 00
Paid Clara A. Holbrook, teaching 5 weeks,		
at \$3		15 00
Hannah C. Whelan, teaching 14 $\frac{4}{5}$		
weeks, at \$3		44 40
Erminnie A. French, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$8		160 00
Julia A. Williams, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$8		160 00
O. Q. Ball, care of house		103 00
Michael Mohan, care of house		75 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal		64 63
R. A. Gage, wood		9 00
C. H. Potter, kindlings		8 40
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		\$2,379 43

IRON WORKS SCHOOL.

Paid Victoria P. Wilde, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$17.50		\$700 00
Mary L. Crowe, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
Mary L. Crowe, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$12		240 00
Mabel L. Bates, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$10		400 00
Nellie E. Bowles, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$10		200 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal		82 89
John Taylor, care of house		160 00
John Gray, sawing wood		1 10
C. H. Potter, kindlings		7 20
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		\$2,191 19

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Theresa M. Jenkins, teaching 40		
weeks, at \$10		\$400 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$400 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$400 00	
Paid William Kelley, care of house	.	.	.	60 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	.	.	.	19 78	
C. H. Potter, kindlings	.	.	.	7 20	
				<hr/>	\$486 98

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Paid Edith A. Willey, teaching 20 weeks,					
at \$10	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Mabel L. Bates, teaching 20 weeks, at					
\$10	.	.	.	.	200 00
Benjamin Hawes, Jr., care of house	.	.	.	.	15 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal	.	.	.	.	18 98
C. H. Potter, kindlings	.	.	.	.	3 00
				<hr/>	\$486 98

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Margaret E. C. Bannon, teaching 20					
weeks, at \$10	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Margaret E. C. Bannon, teaching 20					
weeks, at \$12	.	.	.	.	240 00
M. A. Holbrook, care of house	.	.	.	.	15 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	.	.	.	.	25 90
C. H. Potter, kindlings	.	.	.	.	5 40
				<hr/>	\$486 30

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

Paid Lillian McCormick, teaching 20 weeks,					
at \$8	.	.	.	.	\$160 00
Annie T. Dyer, care of house	.	.	.	.	7 50
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	.	.	.	.	13 39
				<hr/>	\$180 89

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Nellie E. Bowles, teaching 20 weeks,					
at \$8	.	.	.	.	\$160 00
Hannah C. Whelan, teaching 20 weeks,					
at \$8	160 00
Elisha Saville, care of house	15 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	:	.	.	.	\$335 00

Amount brought forward . . .	\$335 00
Paid Elisha Saville, kindlings . . .	1 00
C. H. Potter, kindlings . . .	3 60
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	18 42
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	\$358 02
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Total for Schools . . .	\$10,432 17

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid Clarence W. Fearing . . .	\$1,200 00

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid O. Q. Ball, cleaning cellar, Union .	\$1 05
Wallace Spooner, supplies . .	85 35
C. W. Fearing, cash paid for supplies	25 25
Frank A. Bates, repairing stoves, Union	6 75
Frank A. Bates, stoves and supplies, Union and Middle Street . .	38 32
John W. Rowell, truant officer . .	1 50
E. L. Curtis, truant officer . .	9 30
John Kelley, truant officer . .	18 00
H. B. Vinton, truant officer . .	2 25
Hooper, Lewis & Co., supplies . .	1 25
Effingham, Maynard & Co., supplies .	5 04
D. Appleton & Co., supplies . .	30
Carter, Rice & Co., supplies . .	1 28
University Publishing Company, sup- plies	5 21
H. Dana, supplies	30
Oliver Ditson & Co., supplies . .	4 35
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies . .	90
M. W. Meserve, supplies	30 00
Ford & McCormick, supplies . .	4 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$241 15</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . .	\$241 15
Paid Irverson, Blackman & Co., supplies .	98
E. A. Wild, cash paid, supplies . .	2 25
Braintree Water Supply Company, water, Pond	20 00
Braintree Water Supply Company, water, Iron Works	20 00
Braintree Water Supply Company, water, East	6 00
William May, expressing and labor on well	21 50
Joseph I. Bates, repairs on stoves, East	17 29
George Sumner, repairs on Pond and West	8 00
A. H. Holbrook, cleaning vault, South,	2 00
M. A. Holbrook, cleaning room, South,	5 00
M. R. Warren, supplies	2 00
George S. Perry, supplies	12 50
Mary Vigar, cleaning, East	4 50
W. G. Benham, labor, Pond	1 00
I. H. Clark, painting, "	2 50
Mrs. DeYoung, cleaning, Union	6 75
O. C. R. R., freight on furniture	10 79
Globe Furniture Company, furniture	82 81
Mrs. S. C. Loring, cleaning, Iron Works	12 00
J. L. Hammett, supplies	2 50
H. F. Pierce, surveying, Iron Works,	6 00
C. H. Hobart, supplies	5 23
H. G. Whitcomb, supplies	34 20
T. B. Vinton & Son, expressing	3 00
Gus B. Bates, repairs and supplies, Iron Works	21 62
Michael Mohan, supplies, Union	60
S. E. Fitch, supplies, High	2 48
H. M. White, supplies, High	85
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$555 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$555 50
Paid H. H. Snow, cleaning clock, Pond	1 00	
C. E. Woodbury, curtains, Union	11 15	
H. L. Thayer, use of team	5 00	
L. H. H. Johnson, supplies for committee	3 25	
F. A. Oliver, cleaning windows, Pond,	5 00	
Hollis & Weeks, supplies, Union	23	
J. M. Arnold, supplies, Union	62	
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	13 27	
O. M. Rogers, supplies, South	2 30	
Green & Prescott, printing	24 50	
F. H. Saunders, material for repairing flag	1 10	
		<u>\$622 92</u>

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation		<u>\$1,100 00</u>
Paid Peter Ness, setting glass, Pond and Union	\$10 05	
H. H. Snow, cleaning two clocks, Pond,	1 50	
William Kelley, labor, etc., East	8 55	
George H. Holbrook, labor and stock, Union	16 78	
M. L. Tupper, labor and stock, South,	25 75	
George Gerrior, cleaning vault, Pond,	4 00	
Mary Remington, cleaning Middle Street house	3 00	
H. K. Durling, shingling Pond house,	63 96	
T. H. Jones, mason work, Pond house,	18 15	
E. A. Wild, cash paid, repairs, Pond house	1 67	
Boston Spar Company, flag-staffs for three houses	159 63	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber, Pond house	117 27	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$430 31</u>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$430 31	
Paid Hayward Brothers, labor and stock, Iron Works	154 99	
Hayward Brothers, labor and stock, East	41 53	
Elisha Saville, cleaning house, West,	4 50	
Robert Brooks, setting glass, Iron Works	6 90	
A. A. Drollett, grading yard, West .	3 00	
J. H. G. Robinson, labor and stock, Union	20 27	
C. C. Webster, mason work, East and Iron Works	13 50	
A. Downey, labor and stock, South .	5 00	
Globe Furniture Company, furniture, Union	130 00	
William G. Benham, labor and stock, Pond	14 00	
C. A. Belcher, rent for schoolroom, Union	90 00	
O. M. Rogers, labor and stock, Pond,	9 61	
M. L. Tupper, labor and stock, Pond,	60	
	<hr/>	\$924 21
<i>Cr.</i>		
From sale of shingles		1 00
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		\$923 21

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Old Colony Railroad, conveying pupils,	\$115 58

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	\$700 00
Paid Boston School Supply Company, books and supplies	\$287 53
Thompson, Brown & Co., books and supplies	48 68
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$336 21

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$336 21	
Paid Thorp Adams Mfg. Company, books and supplies	2 84	
C. E. Stetson, books and supplies	9 00	
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies	51 71	
J. W. Lindsey & Co., books and sup- plies	1 80	
William Ware & Co., books and sup- plies	27 30	
Carter, Rice & Co., books and supplies,	21 29	
Winkley, Dresser & Co., books and supplies	1 00	
Educational Publishing Company, books and supplies	1 08	
Samuel Ward & Co., books and sup- plies	14 40	
University Publishing Company, books and supplies	4 83	
Geo. S. Perry, books and supplies	76 40	
M. R. Warren, books and supplies	3 00	
Cassell Publishing Company, books and supplies	20 00	
D. Appleton & Co., books and sup- plies	1 80	
Potter & Coates, books and supplies	1 75	
D. C. Heath & Co., books and sup- plies	124 05	
Ginn & Co., books and supplies	148 74	
Allen & Bacon, books and supplies	3 00	
American Book Company, books and supplies	12 21	
A. Worcester & Sons, books and sup- plies	4 50	
F. H. Fearing, books and supplies	2 10	
R. A. Gage, expressing	15	
	<hr/>	\$869 16
<i>Cr.</i>		
To money refunded		2 77
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		\$866 39

POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
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Dr.

To appraisal Feb. 1, 1890	\$1,660 50
Paid W. A. Grant, superintendent	152 00
W. A. Grant, sundries	12 62
Morrill Williams, services and expenses,	15 75
Charles H. Potter, services as superin- tendent	253 10
Charles H. Potter, sundries	16 93
Lizzie Corkery, hired girl	159 00
Henry M. White, supplies	111 97
Horace Dana, supplies	38 57
Hollis & Weeks, supplies	94 64
C. H. Hobart, supplies	162 73
J. M. Arnold, supplies	142 22
R. Porter, supplies	171 95
Bryant & Co., supplies	39 55
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing, boots and shoes	106 24
Ambler & Hobart, grain	148 39
M. B. Woodsum, bread and crackers	87 51
Mrs. S. E. Fitch, dry goods	54 69
John F. Eaton, meat	50 72
Bradford & Mansfield	120 23
George E. Jones, fish	4 32
Jacob Dexheimer, Jr., fish	26 28
L. Bradford Hollis, cow	42 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on in- mates, 2 years	49 25
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on inmates	14 00
A. C. Hollenbeck, burial of Charles Hay- den, 2d	15 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,750 16
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,750 16
Paid A. C. Hollenbeck, burial of Elizabeth	
Saunders	15 00
Josephus Sampson, killing hogs, 3 years,	9 00
Frank A. Bates, repairs on plumbing,	
stoves, etc., heater, and supplies	61 14
M. L. Tupper, labor and stock	1 33
M. L. Tupper, coal	7 00
M. L. Tupper, fertilizer	10 80
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	168 71
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, ice	21 80
W. Austin Torrey, medicine	27 29
John Rennie, hay	27 00
A. E. Bradford, painting, papering, etc.	17 90
H. W. Bigelow Co., iron beds and	
Matresses	38 75
A. W. McArthur & Co., carpet	20 90
G. R. M. Bestick, repairing chairs	4 50
G. Thompson, cleaning clock	1 50
H. H. Thayer, repairs and painting	
wagon	28 25
T. H. Libby, pigs	10 00
T. H. Libby, plowing	3 50
T. H. Libby, wood	3 00
W. H. Cobb, new pump	12 10
H. B. Whitman, blankets and repairs on	
harness	11 55
O'Connor & Lyons, mason work	2 75
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	9 36
O. M. Rogers, tin-ware and repairs	29 45
Joseph Dyer, standing wood	30 00
N. H. Hunt, pine wood	20 00
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	70
Edward Shay, blacksmith work	16 80
L. M. Ham, repairs on lockup	81 08
M. L. Tupper, stock for lockup	4 70
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To appraisal, Feb. 1, 1891	\$1,645 68	
Kindlings for schools	51 08	
Labor on highways and snow	4 55	
Sale of cow	40 00	
Due from Thayer Library for kindlings	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,744 91
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		\$2,701 11
Due from Christian Hansen	\$81 45	

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	AGE.	DAYS.
Charles Hayden	85	365
George Littlefield	65	365
Ezra Dyer	73	365
Johanna McMahon	96	365
Elizabeth O. Penniman	82	365
Mary Goodman	53	365
Mary E. Nolan	73	365
Maria Gunning	68	365
Maria Kelley	26	365
George N. Thayer	65	329
William F. Kelley	1	313
Elizabeth Saunders (died)	90	289
Andrew J. Eagan	67	262
Charles Hayden (died)	62	225
Emily C. Hanson	39	222
Sarah McCormish	53	146
Stillman H. Leavitt	13	89
Mary M. Leavitt	11	89
Catherine Leavitt	8	89
Joseph W. Thayer	76	82
Daniel F. O'Sullivan	34	36
James N. Tower	54	33
Robert McDonnell	51	2
Number of tramps . . . . .	.	286
Number of prisoners . . . . .	.	19
Total number of days . . . . .	.	5,796
Total number of weeks . . . . .	.	828
Total cost per week . . . . .	.	\$3,26+

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE,
JANUARY 31, 1891.

1 horse	\$150 00	<i>Am't brought forward,</i>	\$564 15
1 cow	42 00	1 brush and 1 bill	
2 pigs	20 00	hook	75
1 covered wagon . .	70 00	2 scythes and 4 snaths,	3 00
1 hay wagon . . .	35 00	2 brush scythes . .	1 50
1 tip cart	15 00	1 sickle and 1 sod cut-	
1 farm wagon . . .	8 00	ter.	80
1 express wagon . .	8 00	3 grub hoes	1 50
1 harness (new) . .	25 00	1 coal shovel and coal	
2 harnesses	12 00	sifter	1 00
Hay and straw . . .	90 00	1 chain	1 00
Manure	25 00	1 whiffletree and 5	
34 hens, at 75 cents .	25 50	chains	3 50
Grain and shorts . .	3 50	Meadow shoes . . .	50
12 mealbags	2 40	Grindstone	4 50
2 meal chests . . .	1 00	5 axes and 3 saws . .	3 00
4 measures	1 00	3 saw-horses	50
Curry-comb and brush,	75	3 ladders	4 00
2 blankets and sur-		Rubber hose and car-	
cingle	5 50	riage	6 00
1 wheeljack and		50 feet large hose . .	6 00
wrench	1 25	15 cords wood . . .	75 00
2 ploughs	4 00	Lot wood, cut	24 00
1 harrow	1 00	Coal	78 00
1 drag	1 50	Lot lumber	5 00
1 wheelbarrow . . .	1 00	35 barrels of kindling,	10 50
1 snow-plough . . .	6 00	74 barrels	7 40
2 hay and 2 iron rakes,	75	27 iron bedsteads . .	180 00
2 hay ropes	50	2 wooden bedsteads . .	4 00
4 hoes	75	26 mattresses	33 25
1 iron bar	1 00	17 feather-beds . . .	80 00
7 forks	3 00	26 pillows and bol-	
7 shovels and 2 picks,	3 75	sters	20 00
<hr/> <i>Am't carried forward,</i>		<hr/> <i>Am't carried forward</i>	
\$564 15		\$1,118 85	

<i>Am't bro't forward,</i>	\$1,118 85
50 pillow-cases . . .	7 50
58 sheets	20 00
25 pairs of blankets . .	25 00
25 comforters	20 00
3 white bedspreads . . .	1 50
Air pillows	4 00
35 window-curtains . . .	17 50
Sewing-machine	15 00
24 chairs	18 00
30 chairs	7 50
12 chairs	4 50
6 rocking-chairs	8 50
1 wheel-chair	10 00
3 sick-chairs	1 50
2 rubber blankets	2 00
14 chambers	5 00
Carpet	20 00
4 door-mats and oil-cloth	2 00
Looking-glass	1 00
Clock	10 00
3 window grates	14 00
1 bureau	5 00
Office table and 3 chairs	15 00
1 desk	5 00
2 stoves and range	45 00
4 boilers	7 00
1 steam cooker	3 50
Extension table	7 00
2 dining-tables, \$5, \$2, . .	7 00
6 tables and covers	15 00
10 toilet-tables	10 00
1 pine table	1 50
Iron, stone, wooden, and tinware	15 00

Am't car'd forward, \$1,469 35

<i>Am't bro't forward,</i>	\$1,469 35
Crockery and glass-ware	12 00
Lamps and lanterns . . .	8 00
1 chest of drawers, \$2.50; 1 closet, 50c. . .	3 00
8 spittoons	5 00
1 bedpan	1 50
Brushes and brooms . . .	3 50
1 bell, 50c.; 1 basket, 50c.	1 00
Knives and forks	4 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. silver spoons . . .	3 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. plated spoons, . . .	1 50
3 table-cloths	3 00
17 towels	2 00
Salt pork	30 00
Lard	6 70
Sugar	10 25
Molasses and vinegar, . . .	75
Butter and butter stamp	1 38
Crackers	2 50
Raisins	1 40
Beans	1 50
Oil and barrel, \$4; 2 oil cans, 50c. . .	4 50
Spices and preserves, . . .	4 00
Apples	1 00
Tobacco, \$10; tobacco cutter, \$2.50, . . .	12 50
Soap	6 50
Potatoes	3 50
Coffee	45
Turnips and beets	50
$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. flour	3 50
Handcuffs	1 00

Am't car'd forward, \$1,608 78

<i>Am't bro't forward,</i>	\$1,608 78	<i>Am't bro't forward,</i>	\$1,621 28
8 waterpails, \$1;		Steel balances, \$2.50;	
3 washtubs and		stove-lining, \$1.25,	3 75
bench, \$1 . . .	2 00	Ice-chest and tongs .	3 00
3 clothes-horses, \$1;		Medicine	2 00
and 3 clothes-lines,		Syringe, atomizer, and	
\$1	2 00	rubber gloves . .	1 65
3 clothes-wringers, \$4;		Work-bench . . .	2 00
and 6 flat-irons, \$2 .	6 00	1 vise	7 00
3 baskets and 4 wash-		1 force-pump . .	4 00
boards	2 50	Steps	1 00
<i>Am't car'd forward</i>	\$1,621 28		<u>\$1,645 68</u>

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation \$1,500 00

Paid Taunton Hospital, support of William

Kincaide \$169 46

State Almshouse, support of John

Hennessey 146 00

City of Boston, aid to Annie Egan . 1 65

City of Boston, aid to James Egan . 1 65

City of Lynn, aid to Mrs. Wm. Fogg . 17 00

Town of Weymouth, aid to Holmes's

boy 19 98

Town of Weymouth, aid to Andrew

Egan 48 24

City of Springfield, aid to Daniel Car-

rigan 2 00

405 98

BETSY WILD.

Paid Town of Holbrook, doctor's bill . \$9 00

Lewis S. Belcher, wood . . . 3 25

12 25

MRS. WILLIAM HEARN AND THREE CHILDREN.

Cash aid \$156 00

156 00

Amount carried forward \$574 23

Amount brought forward . . .

TERENCE STARR AND FAMILY.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance,	\$8 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	13 95	
James Wilson, groceries . . .	1 00	
W. A. Taylor, groceries . . .	4 00	
John Crane, shoes	6 00	
	<hr/>	32 95

THOMAS J. DALTON AND FAMILY.

Paid A. W. Taylor, groceries . . .	\$20 00	
Bryant & Co., groceries . . .	2 00	
John Crane, shoes	12 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	13 80	
	<hr/>	47 80

LEONARDO MORALES AND FAMILY.

Paid Francis King, burial of child . . .	\$6 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	9 90	
	<hr/>	15 90

BERTIE AND ANNA JONES.

Paid George B. Jones, support . . .	\$102 00	
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HARRIET L. MANSFIELD.

Paid Town of Randolph, aid . . .	\$60 00	
Dr. A. L. Chace, medical attendance .	26 00	
	<hr/>	86 00

MRS. THOMAS SANDERSON AND TWO CHILDREN.

Paid Town of Randolph, aid . . .	\$3 58	
Henry M. White, supplies . . .	111 55	
	<hr/>	115 13

THOMAS LEAVETT.

Paid Morrill Williams, support 2 years .	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	50 00

ANDREW NIGHTENGALE.

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$8 00	
	<hr/>	8 00

WILLIAM H. MULLIGAN.

Paid S. F. Newcomb, supplies . . .	\$3 00	
	<hr/>	3 00

Amount carried forward \$1,035 01

Amount brought forward \$1,035 01

MRS. O'SULLIVAN.

Paid W. H. Dobb, supplies	\$10 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	25 30	
	<hr/>	35 30

THOMAS J. GRIFFIN.

Paid J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	\$17 25	
	<hr/>	17 25

LUCINDIA PENNIMAN.

Paid Hunt & Holbrook, house rent	\$67 50	
	<hr/>	67 50

JOSEPH W. THAYER.

Paid Horace Dana, supplies	\$12 00	
Hollis & Weeks, supplies	24 00	
J. M. Arnold, supplies	15 00	
Braintree Clothing Store, supplies	3 00	
	<hr/>	54 00

MARY RILEY.

Paid Murto Gallivan, aid	\$3 00	
	<hr/>	3 00

MARY GOODWIN.

Paid A. C. Hollenbeck, burial	\$1 50	
A. Dyer, digging grave	1 00	
	<hr/>	2 50

SARAH MCCOMISH.

Paid C. H. Hobart, supplies	\$5 00	
	<hr/>	5 00

SAMUEL CRANSTON.

Paid Braintree Clothing Store, supplies	\$3 25	
	<hr/>	3 25

MARGARET RICHARDSON.

Paid Braintree Clothing Store, shoes	\$1 95	
	<hr/>	1 95

GORMAN BOY.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance	\$13 00	
	<hr/>	13 00

GEORGE N. THAYER.

Paid John Hall, removing to almshouse	\$3 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/> <hr/>	\$1,241 26
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Amount brought forward \$1,241 26

POOR OF OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN (STATE).

Paid Mrs. Cronin, board	\$9 00	
	<hr/>	9 00

RUFUS E. MANN (CANTON).

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$14 00	
	<hr/>	14 00

MATHEW FINNAN (BOSTON).

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$2 50	
	<hr/>	2 50

WILLIAM R. LYNCH (BROCKTON).

Paid C. H. Hobart, supplies	\$7 64	
	<hr/>	7 64

Total		<hr/>	\$1,274 40
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Cr.

Due from State for D. F. O'Sullivan	\$9 00	
from Canton for Rufus E. Mann	14 00	
from Boston for Mathew Finnan	2 50	
from Brockton for W. R. Lynch	7 64	
	<hr/>	33 14

Net cost		<hr/>	\$1,241 26
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF, Act of 1890.

Paid City of Boston, relief to Catherine McCarty and family, 3 years	\$199 28	
City of Brockton, relief to Jacob C. Snow	3 00	
Town of Pembroke, relief to Samuel E. Whitmarsh and family	268 75	
Hollis & Weeks, relief to C. Henry Hayden.	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$476 03

EMERY WATKINS (SETTLEMENT HOPKINTON).

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$2 63	
R. Porter, supplies	24 68	
Post 87, G. A. R., expense removing to Home	5 00	
	<hr/>	32 31

<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/>	\$508 34
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Amount brought forward \$508 34

MRS. E. BURKE (FOXBOROUGH).

Paid Noah Torrey, medical attendance .	\$13 00	
W. A. Torrey, medicine	7 80	
R. Porter, supplies	1 00	
C. H. Hobart, supplies	1 00	
Mrs. Flye, nursing and supplies .	21 45	
	<hr/>	44 25

ALVA N. NIGHTENGALE (DUXBURY).

Paid H. M. White, supplies	\$11 00	
C. H. Hobart, supplies	5 04	
	<hr/>	16 04

JAMES E. WHEELER (BOSTON).

Paid H. M. White, supplies	\$2 00	
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Total		\$570 63
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Cr.

Due from Boston for James E. Wheeler,	\$2 00	
from Duxbury, for A. M. Nightengale,	16 04	
Received of Hopkinton, for Emery Watkins,	32 31	
of Foxborough, for Mrs. E. Burke,	44 25	
	<hr/>	94 60
Net cost		\$476 03

HOSPITALS.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Paid Taunton, Worcester, and State Hos- pitals, for board of insane	\$380 92	
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Cr.

To money refunded, see Treasurer's Ac- count	\$338 21	
Due from Christian Hansen	42 71	
	<hr/>	\$380 92

STATE AID, Chap. 301.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Cash paid soldiers and families of soldiers,
from February, 1890, to February,
1891 \$1,123 00

Cr.

Refunded 4 00

1,119 00

Cash paid soldiers and families of soldiers,
for December, 1889, and January,
1890 182 00

Due from State, Chap. 301 \$1,301 00

SOLDIERS' AID, Chap. 279.

Appropriation \$400 00

Paid Syms G. Buker \$120 00

George B. Jones 18 00

Constant S. Chandler 48 00

L. A. Dyer, 48 00

John O. Keefe 48 00

Henry O. Pratt 48 00

Charles N. Richards 72 00

Charles Remington 96 00

James N. Tower 48 00

T. B. Stoddard 28 00

G. H. Randall 28 00

O. H. Belcher 44 00

S. F. Harrington 28 00

Jacob C. Snow 120 00

Samuel E. Whitmarsh 144 00

\$938 00

One half due from State \$469 00

Due for December, 1889, and January,
1890 78 00

Total due, Chap. 279 \$547 00

STONE ROAD.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Paid Andrew Dyer, 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, at \$2.00	\$139 00
Andrew Dyer, 69 days' labor, team, at \$1.50	103 50
Michael Brandley, 19 days' labor, man and two horses, at \$5.00	97 50
Michael Brandley, 64 $\frac{4}{5}$ days' labor, man, at \$1.75	113 40
Michael Brandley, 68 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' labor, team, at \$1.50	102 90
Jacob S. Dyer, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	84 87
Jacob S. Dyer, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, team, at \$1.50	74 25
William R. Lynch, 42 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' labor, self and team, at \$3.25	138 45
William F. Dyer, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, self and team, at \$3.25	131 62
Thomas Huston, 49 $\frac{4}{5}$ days' labor, self and team, at \$3.25	161 85
Patrick Maguire, 39 $\frac{9}{10}$ days' labor, man and team, at \$3.25	129 67
Patrick Moils, 45 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' labor, self and team, at \$3.25	148 20
Thomas F. Finnegan, 18 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' labor, man and team, at \$3.25	60 45
Thomas F. Finnegan, carting 522 loads of stone, at 35 cents	182 70
L. Bradford Hollis, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, man, at \$1.75	62 12
L. Bradford Hollis, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, team, at \$1.50	65 25
L. Bradford Hollis, 247 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	19 76
George E. Arnold, 60 $\frac{3}{10}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	105 52
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,921 01</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,921 01
Paid Alden H. Holbrook, 5 days' labor, at \$1.75	8 75
Alden H. Holbrook, $43\frac{4}{5}$ days' labor, at \$2.00	87 60
Michael Tenney, $48\frac{3}{10}$ days' labor, at \$2.00	96 60
Michael Tenney, 5 days' labor, at \$1.75	8 75
Alfred W. Jones, 14 days' labor, at \$1.75	24 50
Josiah F. Holbrook, $45\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	79 62
Edward Hunter, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	25 37
Colman Donahoe, 9 days' labor, at \$1.75	15 75
John Buttomer, $35\frac{4}{5}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	62 65
William B. Lincoln, 2 days' labor, at \$1.75	3 50
Patrick Hughes, 15 days' labor, at \$1.75	26 25
Patrick Hughes, 6 days' labor, at \$2,	12 00
Alexander McGaw, $1\frac{3}{10}$ days' labor, at \$1.75	2 27
Alexander McGaw, carting 33 loads of stone, at 35 cents	11 55
Alexander McGaw, carting 211 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	12 66
William May, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor, man and two horses	2 50
Joseph Crickmay, 5 days' labor, at \$1.75	8 75
James Maher, 12 days' labor, at \$2	24 00
James Maher, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor, team, at \$1.50	15 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,449 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,449 83
Paid George Hill, 3 days' labor, self and team, at \$3.25	9 75
John Maher, 11 days' labor, at \$1.75,	19 25
John J. Maher, 10½ days' labor, at \$1.75	18 37
Abraham Mead, 5 days' labor, at \$1.75,	8 75
Nightengale & Childs, shaft and jaw plates	112 64
O. C. R. R., freight	2 60
Badger Brothers, shaft for roller	10 00
Walworth Manufacturing Company, supplies	7 04
Boston Belting Company, belt	22 70
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools	2 24
George C. Glover, carting 280 loads of stone, at 35 cents	98 00
Abijah Glover, carting 906 loads of stone, at 35 cents	317 10
James W. Young, carting 707 loads of stone, at 35 cents	247 45
Herbert G. White, carting 303 loads of stone, at 35 cents	106 05
Paul Wild, for stone	2 25
W. M. Babbitt, 115 loads of stone, at 45 cents	5 75
M. L. Tupper, coal	50 91
Michael Brandley, coal	61 19
Loud & Pratt, lumber	19 34
H. H. Thayer, iron work	12 60
Joseph Dyer, wood	2 50
John Long & Son, 83 loads gravel, at 10 cents	8 30
W. L. Faxon, 83 loads gravel, at 10 cents	8 30
N. H. Hunt, 300 loads gravel, at 8 cents	24 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$3,627 00</u>

Amount brought forward	.	.	.	\$3,627	00
Paid C. H. Hobart, supplies	.	.	.	5	27
H. M. White, supplies	.	.	.	13	70
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					\$3,645 97
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By sale of old boiler	.	.	.	\$40	00
Sale of tip cart	.	.	.	25	00
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					65 00
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					\$3,580 97

GENERAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Paid Andrew Dyer, 82 $\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$2 .	\$164 60
Andrew Dyer, 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, team, at \$1 50,	123 75
Michael Brandley, 8 days, man and 2 horses, at \$5	40 00
Michael Brandley, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, man, at \$1.75	46 37
Michael Brandley, 31 days, team, at \$1.50	46 50
Jacob S. Dyer, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75 .	48 12
Jacob S. Dyer, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, team, at \$1.50,	48 75
Thomas Huston, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, self and team, at \$3.25	63 37
William R. Lynch, 5 days, self and team, at \$3.25	16 25
Patrick Maguire, 5 days, man and team, at \$3.25	16 25
Patrick Maguire, 24 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	1 92
Patrick Moils, 4 days, self and team, at \$3.25	13 00
Patrick Moils, 1 day, team	1 50
L. B. Hollis, 16 days, man and team, at \$3.25	52 00
L. B. Hollis, 240 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	19 20
Alden H. Holbrook, 36 days, at \$1.75,	63 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$764 58</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$764 58
Paid Michael Tenney, 35 days, at \$1.75	61 25
George E. Arnold, 80 days, at \$1.75,	140 00
John Rennie, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$2	10 50
John Buttomer, 23 days, at \$1.75	40 25
Josiah F. Holbrook, $45\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.75	79 27
Patrick Hughes, $38\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75	67 37
Charles A. Holbrook, $29\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.75	51 27
Morrill Williams	75
M. L. Tupper, lumber, drain-pipe, etc.	22 00
Alexander McGaw, 8 loads of stone, at 35 cents	2 80
Alexander McGraw, 26 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	1 56
George W. Jones, 66 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	6 60
James H. Thayer, 30 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	2 40
Stephen Thayer, 62 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	3 72
N. H. Hunt, 109 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	8 72
H. H. Snow, 38 loads of gravel, at 12 cents	4 56
Atherton T. Wild, 24 loads of rotten stone, at 15 cents	3 60
C. A. Belcher, 12 loads of rotten stone, at 15 cents	1 80
N. H. Hunt, 10 posts, at 15 cents	1 50
C. G. Anderson, sign-boards	10 80
D. W. Lewis, base and grate	8 00
George B. French, 120 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	7 20
J. W. Thayer, 7 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	70
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,301 20

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,301 20
Paid Thayer Academy, 14 loads of gravel,		
at $16\frac{2}{3}$ cents	2 33	
C. H. Hobart, supplies	11 07	
W. H. Cobb, tools	16 78	
H. H. Thayer, iron work	4 25	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	7 08	
Woodsum's Express	1 00	
C. H. Potter, carting lumber	1 75	
Joseph M. Allen, self, 17 days, at \$2,	34 00	
Joseph M. Allen, double team and		
man, 17 days, at \$5	85 00	
Joseph M. Allen, cutting trees	2 50	
Thomas Arthurs, self, $64\frac{1}{2}$ days, at		
\$1.75	112 87	
Thomas Dalton, self, $11\frac{2}{5}$ days, at		
\$1.75	19 95	
Andrew Gott, self and team, $43\frac{9}{10}$		
days, at \$3.25	141 21	
Andrew Gott, self, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75	13 12	
Michael Quinn, self, $45\frac{9}{10}$ days, at		
\$1.75	80 32	
Stephen Maloney, self, 2 days, at		
\$1.75	3 50	
Michael Bentley, self, $41\frac{13}{20}$ days, at		
\$1.75	72 88	
John McMahon, self, 1 day, at \$1.75,	1 75	
Matthew Smith, self and team, $52\frac{7}{10}$		
days, at \$3.25	169 56	
Matthew Smith, self, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days, at		
\$1.75	4 02	
Daniel Robery, self, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$1.50	75	
Thomas Missett, self, $27\frac{9}{20}$ days, at		
\$1.75	48 03	
Luke Mulligan, self, 3 days, at \$1.75	5 25	
Elijah F. Arnold, self, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, at		
\$1.75	6 12	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,146 29

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,146 29
Paid Daniel Hayward, self, $5\frac{2}{10}$ days, at		
\$1.75	9 10	
John Haley, self and team, 9 days, at		
\$3.25	29 25	
John Maloney, self, 2 days, at \$1.75,	3 50	
Jacob Dexheimer, self, $8\frac{4}{10}$ days, at		
\$1.75	14 70	
James Croke, self, $5\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.75,	9 98	
J. J. O'Keefe, self, $4\frac{1}{4}$ hours, at $17\frac{1}{2}$		
cents	74	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, double team		
and man, $12\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$5	61 25	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, single team		
and man, 10 days, at \$3.25	32 50	
George Fogg, double team and man,		
10 days, at \$5	50 00	
George Fogg, single team and man, $7\frac{1}{2}$		
days, at \$3.25	24 36	
Morris Gurney, double team and man,		
4 days, at \$5	20 00	
Morris Gurney, single team and man,		
14 days, at \$3.25	45 50	
Morris Gurney, single team, $\frac{7}{10}$ day,		
at \$1.50	1 05	
Morris Gurney, man, 1 day, at \$1.75,	1 75	
S. F. Whitmarsh, self, $\frac{3}{5}$ day, at 1.75,	1 05	
S. F. Whitmarsh, painting bridge, 9		
days, at \$2.50	22 50	
S. F. Whitmarsh, 1 gallon oil	50	
T. D. Bagley, painting bridge, $15\frac{3}{5}$		
days, at \$2.50	39 00	
T. D. Bagley, sand-paper	25	
Erving Hayden, self, $\frac{1}{5}$ day, at \$2.50	50	
James A. Reynold, self, 1 day, at		
\$1.75	1 75	
H. E. Abbott, self, 1 day, at \$1.75	1 75	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,517 27

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,517 27
Paid Nathaniel White, self, $1\frac{1}{5}$ days, at		
\$1.75	2 10	
Robert Loring, self, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$1.75	87	
F. H. Crane, single team and man, $\frac{1}{10}$		
day, at \$3.25	32	
F. H. Crane, man, $\frac{1}{10}$ day, at \$1.75	17	
William Allen, self, 3 days, at \$3	9 00	
William Allen, man, 3 days, at \$2.50,	7 50	
William Allen, man, 3 days, at \$2.25,	6 75	
William Allen, horse, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days, at		
\$1.50	2 55	
William Allen, sharpening tools	60	
William Allen, powder and fuse	88	
J. E. Hayward, self, 1 day, at \$1.75	1 75	
J. E. Hayward, single team, $\frac{2}{3}$ day, at		
\$1.50	1 00	
J. E. Hayward, 22 loads gravel, and		
carting same, at 35 cents	7 70	
Luther Thayer, self, $\frac{3}{10}$ day, at \$1.75	51	
Luther Thayer, 52 loads gravel, and		
carting same, at 35 cents	18 20	
David Newcomb, 31 loads gravel, and		
carting same, at 25 cents	7 75	
Francis Leben, 72 loads gravel, at 6		
cents	4 32	
H. A. Richards, 671 loads gravel, at		
5 cents	33 55	
Cornelius Green, 28 loads gravel, at		
12 cents	3 36	
J. H. Thayer, 80 loads gravel, at 6 cents,	4 80	
Mrs: B. B. Hobart, 350 loads gravel,		
at 6 cents	21 00	
Mrs. B. T. Loring, 15 loads gravel, at		
6 cents	90	
Jenkins Manufacturing Company, 13		
loads of ashes, at 10 cents	1 30	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,654 15

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . .	\$2,654 15
Paid Hayward Bros., repairing fences, work and stock	3 75
Hayward Bros., repairing and making guideboards	3 50
Robert Brooks, lettering three guide- boards, at 75 cents	2 25
John Kelley, setting edge-stone, 1 day, at \$3 50	3 50
Albert Hobart, removing stone posts and curbing	6 00
M. M. Piggot & Sons, paint for bridges,	25 50
Parker & Woods, stone hammer . . .	1 92
Oliver Whyte, sand screen	7 00
S W. Pratt, drain-pipe	3 47
Bryant & Co., supplies	3 55
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber and nails,	2 64
Loud & Pratt, lumber and nails . . .	4 86
Estate of G. S. Baker, supplies . . .	6 07
Fore River Engine Company, repairing Commercial Street fence :	1 00
D. H. Andrews, Boston Bridge Works,	5 00
W. I. Jordan, blacksmith work	10 05
James Maher, 108 days' work, at \$2 . .	216 00
James Maher, 104 days' work, at \$1.50,	156 00
John Maher, $105\frac{3}{10}$ days' work, at \$1.75,	184 27
John J. Maher, $65\frac{3}{10}$ days' work, at \$1.75	114 27
George Hill, $23\frac{3}{10}$ days' work, self and horse, at \$3.25	75 71
Michael O'Brine, $34\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.75	60 46
Michael O'Brine, $25\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, horse, at \$1.50	38 32
James Croake, 14 days' work, at \$1.75,	24 50
Michael Brandley, 2 days' work, self and 2 horses, at \$5	10 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,423 74

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$3,623 74
Paid Richard White, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.75	36 31	
Michael Bentley, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.75	38 06	
Patrick Mahoney, 11 days' work, at \$1.75	19 25	
Abraham Mead, 15 $\frac{4}{5}$ days' work, at \$1.75	27 65	
Jerry Mahoney, 7 days' work, at \$1.75,	12 25	
Timothy O'Brine, 2 days' work, at \$1.75	3 50	
Andrew Dyer, 2 days' work, at \$2	4 00	
Joseph Crickmay, 1 $\frac{3}{5}$ days' work, at \$1.75	2 80	
James Conneton, 1 day's work, at \$1.75,	1 75	
George H. Holbrook, labor and stock, building fence	31 65	
Samuel W. Thorndike, labor and stock, building fence	40 00	
William L. Faxon, 297 loads gravel, at 10 cents	29 70	
L. W. Morrison, 212 loads gravel, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents	26 50	
Otis Thayer, 120 loads gravel, at 8 cents	9 60	
David W. Lewis, 4 sewer grates	24 30	
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work	3 35	
Hollis & Weeks, tools	9 33	
J. M. Arnold, tools	88	
O. C. R. R., freight	25	
Frank A. Bates, 2 lanterns, at 50 cents,	1 00	
R. Allen Gage, repairs on highways	43 52	
M. L. Tupper, 400 ft. 8 in. drain- pipe	94 50	
Conrad Mischler, painting Middle and Adams Street bridge	25 00	
W. H. Cobb, tools	6 50	
Total cost of repairs		\$4,115 38

HIGHWAY PROPERTY.

1 Stone Crusher.	1 1-2 Doz. Shovels, old.
1 Engine and Boiler.	10 Picks.
1 Engine House.	4 Scythes.
1 Road Roller.	5 Lanterns.
1 Road Machine.	6 Iron Rakes.
1 Elevator.	5 Grub Hoes.
1 Jack.	3 Gravel Screens.
1 Rope and Blocks.	3 Stone Hammers.
10 Snow Ploughs.	4 Hoes.
6 Iron Bars.	

FLAG-STONES AND STREET CROSSINGS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Paid Peter J. Donaher, 273 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet, at 65 cents	\$177 93
George E. Fogg, paving crossing .	99 00
A. O. Clark, sundry bills, laying flag .	12 59
J. F. Bates, sundry bills, laying flag .	19 25
J. M. Allen, 72 ft., at 65 cents . .	46 80
Albert Hobart, moving same . .	1 50
	<hr/> \$357 07

DRAWBRIDGE.

Paid S. F. Whitmarsh, care of bridge	\$37 50	
Judah Loring, care of bridge	50 00	
Albert Hobart, painting bridge	6 00	
Geo. E. McQuesten, hard pine lumber,	347 75	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	53 50	
Geo. E. Fogg, carting lumber	39 51	
Hayward Brothers, labor	66 23	
N. F. Hunt, sundry bills	18 73	
W. I. Jordan, labor	2 65	
	<hr/>	\$621 87
<i>Cr.</i>		
By sale of old plank		15 50
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Total		\$606 37

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Appropriation		\$500 00
Selectmen paid sundry bills for removing snow	\$278 40	
		<u>\$278 40</u>

ELLIOT STREET.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Paid William Allen, self, 8 days, at \$3 .	\$24 00	
William Allen, man, $7\frac{9}{10}$ days, at \$2.25,	17 78	
William Allen, man, 7 days, at \$2.50,	17 50	
William Allen, horse, 5 days, at \$1.50,	7 50	
William Allen, sharpening 63 drills, at 5 cents	3 15	
William Allen, sharpening 3 bars and 3 wedges	1 10	
William Allen, 2 lbs. powder, at 35 cents	70	
William Allen, 10 lbs. Atlas powder, at 40 cents ; express, 15 cents .	4 15	
William Allen, 1 coil fuse, at 75 cents ; express, 15 cents	90	
William Allen, 35 exploders	40	
Thomas Arthurs, $17\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.75,	29 93	
James Croke, $16\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.75 .	28 18	
Jacob Dexheimer, $9\frac{3}{5}$ days, at \$1.75 .	16 80	
Michael Quinn, $10\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.75 .	17 67	
S. F. Whitmarsh, 1 day, at \$2.50 .	2 50	
Albert W. Whitmarsh, 1 day, at \$2.50,	2 50	
Morris Gurney, $11\frac{1}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.25	36 07	
Andrew Gott, $10\frac{1}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.25	32 82	
Matthew Smith, $10\frac{1}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.25	32 82	
George E. Fogg, 3 days, double team and man, at \$5	15 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$291 47</u>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$291 47	
Paid Loud & Pratt, 15 lbs. nails, at 4½ cents,	68	
Henry A. Richards, 157 loads gravel, at 5 cents	7 85	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Appropriation		\$700 00
Paid D. H. B. Thayer, abatement on taxes of 1889	\$141 99	
D. H. B. Thayer, abatement on taxes of 1888	56 20	
D. H. B. Thayer, collecting tax of 1888	353 73	
Heirs of C. S. Holbrook, abatement on tax of 1890	3 20	
George F. Young, abatement on tax of 1890	6 40	
Louisa M. Butts, abatement on tax of 1890	6 40	
	<hr/>	\$567 92

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
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HOSE No. 1.

Paid A. J. Bates, treasurer, pay of 14 members	\$140 00
Robert M. Loring, steward	50 00
J. M. Walsh, lettering hose carriage	25 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber and nails,	22 36
Hayward Brothers, stock and labor	38 77
F. O. Whitmarsh, refreshments	4 00
A. W. Taylor, refreshments	7 40
S. E. Whitmarsh, labor and supplies	4 16
Mrs. S. E. Whitmarsh, repairing coats,	1 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	8 25
William Allen, services	2 00
Matthew Smith, carting hose	1 00
Thomas South, Jr., repairs	1 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$305 44

Amount brought forward \$305 44

HOSE No. 2.

Paid M. A. Colbert, treasurer, pay of members	\$150 00	
F. A. Oliver, steward	50 00	
F. A. Oliver, locks and keys	5 75	
F. A. Oliver, repairing coats and setting glass	4 00	
D. H. B. Thayer, pay of men, 1889	30 00	
Thomas Penniman, new doors	40 00	
Barnes & Clark, painting	5 00	
Frank A. Bates, repairs on stoves	1 50	
C. H. Hobart, supplies	6 85	
E. Shay, iron work	3 00	
	<hr/>	296 10

HOSE No. 3 AND LADDER No. 1.

Paid M. F. Drinkwater, treasurer, pay of members of Hook and Ladder Company	\$150 00	
E. F. Watkins, treasurer, pay of members of Hose Company	100 00	
James Maher, steward	50 00	
Conrad Mischler, painting hose carriage	10 15	
Peter Ness, painting hose carriage	5 60	
Robert Gillespie, iron work	14 40	
F. O. Whitmarsh, drawing hose carriage	5 00	
Boston Woven Hose Company, gong and striker	7 50	
Hollis & Weeks, supplies	2 64	
Pay of 11 members, for 1889	22 00	
	<hr/>	367 29
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$968 83

Amount brought forward \$968 83

ENGINEERS AND INCIDENTALS.

Paid Edward O. Pierson, services as engineer, two years	\$12 00	
Edward O. Pierson, services buying hose and carriage	4 50	
Edward O. Pierson, cash paid adver- tising	1 50	
M. A. Perkins, services as engineer .	10 00	
M. A. Perkins, services on committee,	3 00	
F. O. Whitmarsh, services on com- mittee	4 30	
F. O. Whitmarsh, services as engineer,	10 00	
Boston Woven Hose Company, sup- plies	16 00	
M. L. Tupper, conveyance to fire .	1 00	
Wm. C. Beals, decorating house .	30 00	
A. W. Mitchell, badges	41 25	
F. A. Burrell, horse hire	2 00	
G. S. Baker, rope	1 00	
E. R. Waterman, drawing engine .	8 00	
Albert Hobart, drawing hose . . .	4 00	
James F. Gallivan, watching fire .	1 50	
C. H. Ratcliffe, watching fire . . .	1 50	
E. Bourk, drawing hose carriage .	3 50	
R. A. Gage, drawing hook and ladder truck	10 00	
Mrs. Bean, finding and returning band,	1 00	
L. Dubois, use of team	1 50	
Vinton & Son, horse hire	4 50	
W. B. Phipps, watching fire . . .	2 00	
H. J. Richards, watching fire . . .	2 00	
	<hr/>	176 05
Total		<hr/> \$1,144 88

TWO HOSE CARRIAGES.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Paid town of Randolph, for hose carriage .	\$175 00	
H. H. Thayer, for hose carriage .	418 00	
	<hr/>	\$593 00

TOWN HALL.

Paid J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	\$71 39	
M. L. Tupper, coal . . .	164 55	
Gilbert & Barker, gasolene . . .	106 08	
Webster Gasoline Company, gasolene .	28 40	
T. B. Stoddard, paint and labor .	175 68	
E. A. Dustin, tuning piano . . .	6 25	
J. W. Vinal & Co., for lock . . .	5 00	
M. L. Tupper, labor and stock . . .	9 50	
E. A. Bradford, setting glass . . .	1 00	
George Gerrior, cleaning vaults . .	2 50	
W. A. Torrey, supplies . . .	1 80	
F. A. Bates, repairs . . .	5 60	
Braintree Water Supply Company, water	56 00	
C. H. Hobart, supplies . . .	16 85	
C. H. Robinson & Co., 2 tables . .	9 00	
William H. Cobb, supplies . . .	4 60	
H. B. Whitman, repairs on chairs .	3 50	
H. H. Snow, cleaning clock . . .	1 00	
C. H. Potter, kindlings . . .	5 20	
O. M. Rogers, repairs and supplies .	4 80	
Bradford & Mansfield, oil, etc. . .	10 83	
Woodsum's Express Company, ex- pressing	65	
Braintree Clothing Store, hose reel and sprinkler	32 00	
C. B. Woodsum, expressing . . .	14 50	
E. Shay, iron work	70	
	<hr/>	\$737 38

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Received from State	\$200 00	
From sundry persons	234 00	
Due for use of hall	29 50	
Error in bill overpaid	30	
	<hr/>	\$463 80

JANITOR.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Paid John R. Carmichael	\$600 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$700 00
Paid N. H. Hunt, treasurer of trustees	\$700 00

POST 87, G. A. R.

Appropriation	\$175 00
Paid M. A. Perkins, quartermaster	\$175 00

DISTRIBUTING BOOKS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid A. Mason, distributing books	\$77 00
E. H. Mathewson, expressing books	71 00
	<u> </u> \$148 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid James D. Leatherbee, damage widening Tremont Street, 1889	\$137 50
Mary A. Rogers, damage widening Tremont Street	28 50
Estate of J. B. Wood, damage widening Tremont Street	25 00
Green & Prescott, printing town report,	223 20
Green & Prescott, printing	196 01
Holbrook Fire Department, pumping well, Asa French	27 00
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance	40 00
E. F. E. Thayer, use of Lyceum Hall,	4 50
E. L. Burdakin, transcript of records,	20 00
Thomas Groom, tax book	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u> </u> \$703 71

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$703 71
Paid Claus Ahlf, repairs on carriage of H. L. Thayer	5 65
N. F. Hunt, sundry bills on widening Commercial Street	44 37
T. J. Cain, horse hire for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Constables, and Engi- neers	31 50
Wales Brothers, repairing pumps South and North Braintree	13 00
City of Quincy, use of lock-up	9 00
Braintree Clothing Store, supplies for police at Centennial	13 20
Winslow's Express, expressing town reports	1 50
W. A. Kane, refreshments for Regis- trars of Voters and election officers,	17 25
J. H. Burdakin, copying deeds	2 87
E. A. Newton, distributing reports	4 00
John Stoddard, distributing reports	3 00
G. D. Whittaker, distributing reports,	5 00
R. Allen Gage, erecting sign-boards	1 75
F. A. Oliver, distributing votes	1 00
F. A. Bates, repairs on ballot-box	1 50
Mrs. C. E. Smart, refreshments for witnesses	3 15
A. O. Clark, cash paid witnesses' fees,	6 70
I. F. Vinton, services of self and men at forest fires	40 94
A. W. Mitchell, police badges	3 60
Vinton & Son, carriage hire for Water Commissioners	6 00
W. A. Torrey, postage-stamps and supplies	6 00
Thorp Adams Company, stationery	1 19
F. A. Burrell, horse hire for Select- men	2 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$928 38

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$928 38
Paid C. H. Hobart, stationery, etc.	.	.	.	2 33
Judah A. Loring, bounty on seal	.	.	.	1 00
C. E. Hill, horse hire for Selectmen	.	.	.	2 00
Ten special police, at celebration, May 22	.	.	.	60 40
Vinton & Son, horse hire for Selectmen,	.	.	.	2 00
Noah Torrey, returning 49 births	.	.	.	12 25
A. L. Chace, returning 3 births	.	.	.	75
S. C. Bridgham, returning 16 births	.	.	.	4 00
G. W. Tinkham, returning 11 births	.	.	.	2 75
J. C. Frazer, returning 10 births	.	.	.	2 50
H. L. Dearing, returning 4 births	.	.	.	1 00
T. H. Dearing, returning 40 births	.	.	.	10 00
Ford & McCormick, returning deaths,	.	.	.	5 25
Francis King, returning deaths	.	.	.	2 00
A. C. Hollenbeck, returning deaths	.	.	.	6 75
Samuel A. Bates, recording and return- ing 45 marriages	.	.	.	6 75
Samuel A. Bates, recording and return- ing 154 births	.	.	.	77 00
Samuel A. Bates, recording and return- ing 96 deaths	.	.	.	22 85
Samuel A. Bates, recording and issu- ing 101 burial permits	.	.	.	10 10
Samuel A. Bates, making affidavits	.	.	.	2 00
Samuel A. Bates, 458 hours' labor	.	.	.	137 40
Samuel A. Bates, cash, paid postage and stationery	.	.	.	9 80
Samuel A. Bates, cash, paid stamp	.	.	.	65
A. J. Bates, cash, paid expenses	.	.	.	11 32
N. F. Hunt, cash, paid expenses	.	.	.	28 80
J. F. Bates, cash, paid expenses	.	.	.	30 00
A. O. Clark, cash, paid expenses	.	.	.	32 93
				————— \$1,412 96

CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION OF TOWN OF
BRAINTREE.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Paid Martland's Brockton Band	\$200 00
Salem Cadet Band	150 00
Bill of Col. William Beals	195 00
“ Henry Crane & Son	170 00
“ T. D. Cook & Co.	1,000 00
“ M. L. Tupper	140 00
“ E. S. Hunt & Son	150 00
“ William Read & Sons	78 65
“ R. M. Yale	172 00
“ Rockwell & Churchill	16 00
“ Henry Mitchell	75 00
“ Charles E. French	50 25
“ Fred Alford	14 79
“ E. H. Tarbell	22 61
“ T. Waterworth & Co.	15 00
“ F. A. Oliver	16 75
“ Green & Prescott	10 25
“ C. B. Woodsum	6 50
“ Walter Rogers & Co.	11 00
“ A. Mudge & Sons	15 75
“ L. H. H. Johnson	4 15
“ Thomas Cain	6 00
“ F. A. Hobart	19 95
“ R. F. Randall	3 00
“ W. A. Kane	5 00
“ E. W. Arnold	2 00
“ Vinton & Son	75
“ F. A. Searle	3 65
“ John R. Carmichael	3 50
	<hr/> \$2,557 55
<i>Cr.</i>	
By sale of ball tickets	405 25
	<hr/> \$2,152 30

LAW SUITS.

Appropriation		\$5,000 00
Paid Edward Avery, counsel fees . . .	\$5,667 41	
J. Herbert Shedd, engineer . . .	500 00	
Estate of William C. Boyce . . .	375 00	
Frank H. Burt, stenographer, mill cases	1,147 06	
Thomas E. Major, stenographer, water suit	395 42	
E. Avery, witness fees and expenses, mill cases	1,138 83	
John R. Freeman, expert witness . . .	63 00	
		<u>\$9,286 72</u>

SINKING FUND.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Paid A. J. Bates, Treasurer	\$2,000 00	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		\$2,525 00
Paid R. Allen Gage, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer	\$50 00	
A. O. Clark, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer	600 00	
N. F. Hunt, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer	600 00	
J. F. Bates, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer	550 00	
Andrew J. Bates, Treasurer . . .	300 00	
Samuel A. Bates, Clerk	50 00	
Samuel A. Bates, Registrar of Voters and Clerk	79 50	
F. A. Hobart, Registrar of Voters . .	35 00	
A. S. Morrison, Registrar of Voters . .	35 00	
Elisha Thayer, Special Registrar of Voters	3 00	
John M. Beals, Auditor	15 00	
Alverdo Mason, Auditor	15 00	
George D. Willis, Auditor	15 00	
Amount carried forward	\$2,347 50	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$2,347 50
Paid E. A. Hobart, Moderator	.	.	.	25 00
W. A. Kane, Inspector	.	.	.	5 00
Walter E. Morrison, Inspector	.	.	.	5 00
John V. Scollard, Inspector	.	.	.	5 00
Horace Faxon, Constable	.	.	.	52 00
Conrad Mischler, Constable	.	.	.	19 00
Edwin L. Curtis, Constable	.	.	.	11 70
Thomas Fallon, Constable	.	.	.	21 00
James A. Reynolds, Constable	.	.	.	15 00
John Kelley, Constable	.	.	.	15 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., Constable	.	.	.	20 00
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				\$2,541 20

CONSTABLES' FEES, ACTS OF 1890.

Paid Horace Faxon	\$4 96
John Kelley	8 92
George E. Easton, of Randolph	8 19
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					22 07

RECAPITULATION.

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					\$2,563 27
Orders drawn for schools	\$10,432 17
Superintendent of schools	1,200 00
Incidentals for schools	.	.	.	.	622 92
Incidentals for schoolhouses	.	.	.	.	924 21
Conveying pupils	.	.	.	.	115 58
Text-books and supplies	.	.	.	.	869 16
Poor in almshouse	.	.	.	.	2,785 52
Poor out of almshouse	.	.	.	.	1,845 03
Hospitals	.	.	.	.	380 92
State aid, Chap. 301	.	.	.	.	1,123 00
State aid, Chap. 252	.	.	.	.	938 00
Repairs of highways	.	.	.	.	4,115 38
Stone road	.	.	.	.	3,645 97
Repairs on Elliot Street	.	.	.	.	300 00
Flag-stones	.	.	.	.	357 07
Drawbridge and buoys	621 87
Removal of snow	278 40
Fire Department	1,144 88
Hose carriage	593 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$32,293 08

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$32,293 08
Orders drawn for Town Hall	737 38
Janitor	.	.	.	.	.	600 00
Public Library	.	.	.	.	.	700 00
Distributing books	.	.	.	.	.	148 00
Grand Army of the Republic	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
Incidental expenses	.	.	.	.	.	1,412 96
Town officers	.	.	.	.	.	2,563 27
Celebration of 250th Anniversary	.	.	.	.	.	2,152 30
Law suits	.	.	.	.	.	9,286 72
Abatement and collection of taxes	.	.	.	.	.	567 92
Sinking fund	.	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
						<hr/> \$52,636 63

In the sworn performance of our duty, as Auditors, we have examined and find the accounts of the several town officers to have been well kept, and a voucher for every dollar paid out.

DANIEL POTTER,
GEO. D. WILLIS,
ALVERDO MASON,
Auditors.

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of schools	.	.	.	.	\$9,500 00
Incidentals for schools	.	.	.	.	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	.	.	.	.	1,100 00
Text-books and supplies	.	.	.	.	700 00
Superintendent of schools	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Conveyance of pupils	.	.	.	.	200 00
Support of poor	.	.	.	.	4,000 00
Repairs of highways	.	.	.	.	4,000 00
Stone road	.	.	.	.	3,000 00
Removal of snow	.	.	.	.	500 00
Public Library	.	.	.	.	700 00
Distributing books	.	.	.	.	100 00
Janitor	.	.	.	.	600 00
Town lands	.	.	.	.	100 00
Interest on town debt	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Interest on water bonds	.	.	.	.	2,500 00
Sinking fund	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$31,700 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . .	\$31,700 00
State aid, Chap. 279 . . .	400 00
Incidental expenses . . .	1,200 00
Collection and abatement of taxes . .	700 00
Town officers . . .	2,525 00
Law suits . . .	5,000 00
Post 87, G. A. R. . . .	175 00
Fire Department . . .	1,200 00
Hose carriages . . .	600 00
Celebration of 250th Anniversary . .	2,000 00
Elliot Street . . .	300 00
Flag-stones . . .	500 00
Committee on sewerage . . .	150 00
State tax . . .	3,027 50
County tax . . .	2,328 21
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	\$51,805 71
Less bank and corporation tax . . .	7,000 00
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	\$44,805 71
Overlay . . .	1,971 81
Additional taxes assessed Sept. and Dec.	1,812 16
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Total . . .	\$48,589 68

JAN. 31, 1891.

On account of the absence from town of W. L. Morrison, who was elected Auditor at the annual meeting of 1890, the remaining Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 254 of the Acts of 1890, elected George D. Willis in his place, who, being duly sworn, has performed the duties of Auditor.

The Auditors made the usual visit to the Almshouse. From their one day's experience and observation they are of opinion that the keepers, Mrs. and Mr. Potter, are well qualified to perform the difficult duties of their office. The house and its surroundings were in a neat and orderly condition, and the inmates were evidently kindly and thoughtfully provided for. It is to be observed that there is an increase of the cost of the poor over past years. A part of this increase arises from a charge for repairing the lock-ups and other permanent improvements.

DANIEL POTTER,
ALVERDO MASON,
Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AS AGAINST EXPENDITURES FOR 1890.

OBJECTS OF APPROPRIATIONS.	Amount of Appropriations.	Amount Expended.	In excess of Appropriation.	Appropriation Unexpended.
For schools, town, appropriation, \$9,500; dog tax and school funds, \$1,106.09	\$10,606 09	\$10,432 17	.....	173 92
Incidentals for schools.....	300 00	622 92	322 92	.....
Incidentals for schoolhouses	1,100 00	924 21	.....	175 79
Text-books and supplies.....	700 00	869 16	169 16	.....
Superintendent of schools	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....
Conveying pupils.....	200 00	115 58	.....	84 42
Poor.....	4,000 00	4,630 55	630 55	.....
Hospitals .....	.....	380 92	380 92	.....
State aid (Chap. 301).....	.....	1,123 00	1,123 00	.....
State aid (Chap. 279).....	400 00	938 00	538 00	.....
Repairs of highways.....	4,000 00	4,115 38	115 38	.....
Stone road.....	3,000 00	3,645 97	645 97	.....
Elliot Street.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
Flagstones	500 00	357 07	.....	142 93
Drawbridge .....	.....	621 87	621 87	.....
Removing snow	500 00	278 40	.....	221 60
Fire Department.....	1,200 00	1,144 88	.....	55 12
Hose carriages.....	600 00	593 00	.....	7 00

Town Hall.....	.....	737 38	737 38	.....
Janitor.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....
Town lands.....	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
Public Library.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....
Post 87, G. A. R.....	175 00	175 00	.....	.....
Distributing books.....	100 00	148 00	48 00	.....
Incidental expenses.....	1,200 00	1,412 96	212 96	.....
Town officers.....	2,525 00	2,563 27	38 27	.....
Two hundred and fiftieth anniversary.....	2,000 00	2,152 30	152 30	.....
Abatement and collection of taxes.....	700 00	567 92	.....	132 08
Law suits.....	5,000 00	9,286 72	4,286 72	.....
Sinking fund.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....
Sewerage committee.....	150 00	.....	.....	150 00
Interest on debt.....	1,200 00	1,225 18	25 18	.....
State tax.....	3,027 50	3,027 50	.....	.....
County tax.....	2,328 21	2,328 21	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$50,411 80	\$59,217 52	\$10,048 58	\$1,242 86

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

DAVID H. B. THAYER, COLLECTOR.

1888.

Dr.

Balance due on tax of 1888	\$809 57
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Cash paid Treasurer	809 57
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COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1889.

Dr.

Balance due on tax of 1889	\$6,728 97
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By cash paid Treasurer	5,134 75
Balance due on tax of 1889	1,594 22
Cash paid Treasurer, interest	100 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1890.

Dr.

Amount committed	.	.	.	.	.	\$46,777 52
Amount added	.	.	.	.	.	1,812 16
Total	.	.	.	.	.	\$48,589 68

Cr.

Cash paid Treasurer	.	.	.	.	.	\$41,356 23
Due on tax of 1890	.	.	.	.	.	7,233 45

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW J. BATES, TREASURER.

Dr.

To balance, per statement, Feb. 1, 1890 . \$9,094 09

Cash received from :

D. H. B. Thayer, collector, 1888 . 809 57

D. H. B. Thayer, collector, 1889 . 5,134 75

D. H. B. Thayer, collector, interest,
1889 100 00D. H. B. Thayer, collector, interest,
1890 41,356 23Union National Bank, interest on de-
posit 188 15

Cash received from Overseers of the Poor :

Town of Hopkinton 32 31

Town of Foxborough 47 15

Town of Randolph 12 50

Town of Weymouth 27 00

Town of Duxbury 6 00

City of Brockton 100 82

City of Boston 31 03

Christian Hansen, hospital account . 9 75

Alden Bowditch, hospital account . 77 80

Individuals, to pay hospital bills . 434 21

Individuals, to pay almshouse bills . 100 80

Sale of kindlings (almshouse) . . 51 08

Sale of cow (almshouse) . . . 40 00

For labor (almshouse) 4 55

Cash received from Selectmen :

W. A. Torrey, liquor license . . 1 00

A. R. Dickinson, liquor license . . 1 00

H. A. Jones & Co., liquor license . 1 00

Sale of old boiler 40 00

Sale of tip cart 25 00

Sale of old plank 15 50

Sale of shingles 1 00

Amount carried forward . . . \$48,788 29

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$48,788 29
Cash received from Selectmen :				
Sale of burial lot, George B. Jones	.	.	.	5 00
Sale of burial lot, T. J. Cain	.	.	.	5 00
Sale of burial lot, David Thayer	.	.	.	5 00
State aid, refunded	.	.	.	4 00
Refunded, text-books and supplies	.	.	.	2 40
Damage to school books	.	.	.	37
Refunded, error in bill over-paid	.	.	.	30
Use of Town Hall	.	.	.	234 00
Cash received from State Treasurer :				
Corporation tax, 1889	.	.	.	279 14
National Bank tax, 1889	.	.	.	13 44
Corporation tax, 1890	.	.	.	7,446 71
National Bank tax, 1890	.	.	.	1,611 02
State Aid (Chap. 279, Acts 1889)	.	.	.	368 00
State Aid (Chap. 301, Acts 1889)	.	.	.	1,170 00
Rent of armory	.	.	.	200 00
State aid, burial of soldiers	.	.	.	14 00
Burial state paupers	.	.	.	10 00
Expense of contagious disease	.	.	.	32 00
Income Massachusetts school fund	.	.	.	40 25
Borrowed, 7 mos., $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent	.	.	.	5,000 00
Borrowed, 7 mos., $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent	.	.	.	10,000 00
Cash received, Weymouth Savings Bank :				
Borrowed, 3 mos., 5 per cent	.	.	.	2,000 00
Cash received from County Treasurer :				
Bounty for killing seal	.	.	.	1 00
Dog tax	.	.	.	714 84
Cash received from :				
Joseph Dyer, Treasurer Braintree	.	.	.	
school fund	.	.	.	350 00
				<hr/>
				\$87,248 76
By cash paid on 870 orders drawn by Select-				
men	.	.	.	52,613 13
State Treasurer :				
Tax of 1889 (refunded)	.	.	.	689 73
				<hr/>
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	\$53,302 86

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$53,302 86
By cash paid State Treasurer :				
State tax, 1890	.	.	.	3,027 50
Liquor license	.	.	.	50
Discount on notes	.	.	.	332 81
Note	.	.	.	5,000 00
Note	.	.	.	10,000 00
Trustees of the Sinking Fund				
of the Town of Braintree :				
Note of Jan. 31, 1890	.	.	.	4,080 00
Interest on note	.	.	.	68 00
Treasurer of Water Works :				
(See Water Works acct.)	.	.	.	2,500 00
Weymouth Savings Bank, note,				2,000 00
Weymouth Savings Bank, in-				
terest	.	.	.	25 00
W. S. Dexter, interest	.	.	.	400 00
N. H. Hunt, Treasurer, in-				
terest	.	.	.	400 00
County Treasurer, County tax,				2,328 21
D. H. B. Thayer, collector :				
Tax deed, W. E. Jewell	.	.	.	16 02
Cash on deposit in Union National Bank,				
Weymouth	.	.	.	3,767 86
				<hr/> \$87,248 76

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Braintree, have examined the Treasurer's account as presented by him, and find the same correct, with the balance as reported in the Union National Bank of Weymouth, three thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-six cents (\$3,767.86), properly certified to by cashier of said bank.

DANIEL POTTER,
GEO. D. WILLIS,
ALVERDO MASON,

Auditors.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 9, 1891.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 1, 1891.

Balance in treasury	\$3,767 86
Due from collector on tax of 1889	1,594 22
From collector on tax of 1890	7,233 45
From State (State aid, Chap. 301)	1,319 00
From State (State aid, Chap. 279)	547 00
From Christian Hansen, Almshouse account	81 45
From Christian Hansen, hospital account	42 71
From cities and towns, pauper account	42 18
Tax deed, Joseph I. Bates	36 66
Two tax deeds, W. E. Jewell, \$16.87, \$16.02	32 89
Due from sundry persons, use of Town Hall	29 50
Balance due from State, bank, and cor- poration tax, 1890	187 37
	<hr/> \$14,914 29

The town owes the following notes, etc. :

Trustees of estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, March 7, 1874, due on demand, at four per cent.	\$10,000 00
March 7, 1874, due on demand, at four per cent	10,000 00
Unpaid bill of Gen. Butler, rendered Aug. 22, 1888	862 65
Two outstanding orders, Nos. 777 and 843,	23 50
	<hr/> \$20,886 15
Less assets as per schedule	14,970 29
	<hr/>
Net debt	\$5,971 86

The bill of Gen. B. F. Butler for services performed since rendering his bill, dated Aug. 22, 1889, is unknown.

REPORT OF BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND COMMITTEE.

Cr.

By cash on hand Feb. 1, 1890 . . .	\$121 89	
Received of W. E. Denton, rent of farm	175 00	
Received of G. W. Osgood, rent of land,	25 00	
Dividend of Weymouth National Bank,	84 00	
Dividend of Granite National Bank .	60 00	
Dividend of Elliot National Bank .	18 00	
Received of Thomas Penniman, for wood	4 00	
Received of A. O. Clark, for wood .	4 00	
Received of town of Braintree, for wood,	30 00	
Received of Elisha Saville, rent of land	1 00	
Interest of Braintree Savings Bank .	9 90	
Rebate on tax	49 11	
	<hr/>	\$581 90

Dr.

To cash paid J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber,	\$31 14	
C. C. Webster, mason work . . .	13 25	
Wales Brothers, pump	25 00	
Peter Mooney, stone work . . .	10 50	
W. R. Lynch, labor	6 00	
W. E. Denton, labor	3 95	
Thomas Penniman, labor	20 99	
A. J. Bates, Town Treasurer . . .	350 00	
Cash on hand	121 07	
	<hr/>	\$581 90

JOSEPH DYER,

Treasurer of Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners, composed of Hon. Asa French, John V. Scollard, and Hon. James T. Stevens, chosen under an act of the Legislature of 1885, respectfully submits through its secretary the following report:—

The matter in dispute between the town and the private corporation acting under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of 1886, not having as yet reached a termination, obeying the instruction of the town the Board has made no move looking to the introduction of water under the act accepted by the town.

During the past year numerous petitions have been received, asking that the commissioners lay pipe to be connected with pipe owned or controlled by the Braintree Water Supply Company.

While recognizing the urgency of the demand for increased water supply in a growing community like ours, still it seemed utterly impossible to accede to the wishes of the petitioners, for this reason: The money at the disposition of the Water Board was raised for a specific purpose, the establishment of a system of water-works from Great Pond. It can be readily understood that the expenditure of any part of this money in extending a plant constructed under authority of a charter entirely separate and independent from that under which the town has acted, by a private corporation, might lead to litigation at present undesirable.

The Board has elected as its treasurer, Andrew J. Bates, Esq., who is also treasurer of the sinking fund. The financial report of the Board, which appears upon another page, is recommended to your attention. It will be seen that the sinking fund which was loaned temporarily to the town has been invested in savings institutions of reliable standing in this immediate vicinity. As the fund grows, it is probable that the trustees can secure an investment in one or more first-class mortgages, which would be more feasible for obvious reasons than the present investment, made as a matter of expediency for the time being.

The Board deemed it advisable to collect the pipes, joints, hydrants, specials, etc., lying on the streets in the north section of the town, for storage at places convenient for transportation. We consequently stored in rear of Congregational Church in north section, in and around carriage-sheds at Town Hall, and in sheds at almshouse, the following articles, viz.: 218 10-inch pipes, 359 6-inch pipes (of these pipes we found twenty-seven had been broken in previous removal by the workmen upon the highway), 32 12-inch branches, 9 10-inch branches, 28 8-inch branches, 93 6-inch branches, 1 12-inch curve, 5 8-inch curves, 9 6-inch curves, 2 6-inch elbows, 1 12-inch to 10-inch reducer, 1 10-inch to 8-inch reducer, 1 8-inch to 6-inch reducer, 5 12-inch sleeves, 2 10-inch sleeves, 6 8-inch sleeves, 8 6-inch sleeves, 6 4-inch sleeves, 12 12-inch gates, 7 10-inch gates, 13 8-inch gates, 49 6-inch gates, 2 4-inch gates, 2 12-inch plugs, 10 8-inch plugs, 63 6-inch plugs, 3 4-inch plugs, 27 gate caps, 25 6-inch hydrants. All these pipes, joints, hydrants, etc., are now packed with timber, so that they may be found intact whenever the town may desire to use or sell them. There is at present no unlaidd pipe upon any street except Middle, between Union and River Streets, and as this street will undoubtedly be piped in the near future, and the pipe not being in the way of public travel, it was thought best not to remove it. Of the pipe stored, there has been sold 9,130 pounds to town of Avon, for which there has been paid into the treasury one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$159.78); to Braintree Water Supply Company, 675 pounds, for which there is due the sum of eleven dollars and eighty-one cents (\$11.81). There has been, during the past two years, five lengths of ten-inch and three lengths of six-inch pipe laid in gutters by the Highway Surveyor in the north part of the town, for which there is due from the Highway Department to our treasury the sum of seventy-two dollars and ninety-one cents (\$72.91).

All pipe sold has been at the cost price, thirty-five dollars per ton.

Several consultations have been held during the year with the firm of John Cavanagh & Son, looking to a settlement out of court of their claim against the town. It has been the unanimous opinion of the Board that the town desired to make Messrs.

Cavanagh & Son absolutely whole in this matter, with a margin of profit commensurate with the contract price of the job they undertook, and the commissioners' actions have been with this idea in view. However, no settlement has been effected, and the case is now being heard by an auditor, under the direction of the Selectmen.

We regard the nearness of a final settlement of the "water question" as a matter of congratulation to the town, securing as it does the ownership by the town of its own water supply, and making probable the extension of water service to localities not at present so benefited.

By order of Board of Water Commissioners,

JOHN V. SCOLLARD,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(Water Works Account.)

ANDREW J. BATES, TREASURER.

To balance per statement, Feb. 1, 1890,	\$74,380 17	
Cash received of town :		
Appropriation for interest on water bonds,	2,500 00	
To cash from Water Commissioners (sale		
of pipe)	168 08	
Town (refunded) :		
On account of bill paid Edward Avery .	2,500 00	
Received of State National Bank :		
Interest on deposit to Feb. 1, 1891 .	1,922 48	
	<hr/>	\$81,470 73

Cr.

By cash paid on seven orders drawn by		
Selectmen	\$2,871 56	
Cash paid on coupons on water bonds		
(town appropriation)	2,500 00	
Cash paid on coupons on water bonds,		
out of interest on deposit account .	1,500 00	
Cash on deposit in State National Bank,		
Boston	74,599 17	
	<hr/>	\$81,470 73

We have examined the accounts of A. J. Bates, Treasurer, and find them all vouched for, and the balance as shown above, seventy-four thousand five hundred and ninety-nine dollars and seventeen cents (\$74,599.17); was actually on hand and deposited in the State National Bank of Boston, to the credit of the Treasurer, on Feb. 2, 1891, and the said amount certified to by cashier of said bank.

DANIEL POTTER,
GEO. D. WILLIS,
ALVERDO MASON,
Auditors.

BRAintree, Feb. 9, 1891.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

ANDREW J. BATES, TREASURER.

To cash received of the trustees of the sinking fund	\$4,148 00	
Cash received of town, amount appro- priated	2,000 00	
Cash received of Braintree Savings Bank, dividend, Jan. 1	20 00	
Cash received of Weymouth Savings Bank, dividend, Jan. 1	20 00	
Cash received of Franklin Savings Bank, dividend, Feb. 1	2 96	
	<hr/>	\$6,190 96

Cr.

Amount to credit of sinking fund, invested
as follows :

Braintree Savings Bank	\$1,020 00	
Weymouth Savings Bank	1,020 00	
Home Savings Bank, Boston . . .	1,000 00	
Warren Savings Bank, Charlestown .	1,000 00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank, Charlestown	1,000 00	
South Boston Savings Bank . . .	1,000 00	
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston . .	150 96	
	<hr/>	\$6,190 96

Dividends on Home, Warren, Charlestown, and South Boston
Banks are payable in April and October.

WATER WORKS ACCOUNT.

Paid E. F. E. Thayer, insurance . . .	\$20 00	
Heirs of Geo. W. White, by Fales & Mellen, attorneys, damages . . .	175 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$195 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$195 00	
Paid J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	.	.	.	17 56	
George E. Fogg, removing pipes	.	.	.	151 00	
Thomas F. Finnegan, carting pipe to					
Avon	.	.	.	8 00	
* Edward Avery, counsel in mill suits,				2,500 00	
				<u> </u>	\$2,871 56

* Transferred from water account to town account.

The above account, as presented by the Treasurer, we have examined, and find, by reference to the savings bank books, that the amounts are deposited in the several banks to the credit of the sinking fund account.

DANIEL POTTER,
GEO. D. WILLIS,
ALVERDO MASON,

Auditors.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 9, 1891.

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The library has been open during the year, 279 days.

Number of volumes borrowed, 19,903.

Average per day, 71+.

The largest daily issue, 217, March 1.

The smallest daily issue, 12, Sept. 16.

The number of volumes circulated, of each class, is as follows :—

History, 864.

Biography, 710.

Travel, 776.

Science, art, etc., 702.

Fiction, 11,788.

Poetry, 556.

Juvenile, 1,863.

Miscellaneous, 1,540.

Reference, 1,104.

Number of bound volumes added, 427.

Number of pamphlets added, 257.

Number of names registered since the library opened, 4,039.

Number added during the year, 178.

A. M. ARNOLD,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 1, 1890	.	\$3 23	
From Town Treasurer, interest on note	.	400 00	
Town Treasurer, town appropriation	.	700 00	
Librarian, for fines	.	24 35	
Librarian, for catalogues	.	4 00	
Savings Bank, interest	.	33	
		<hr/>	\$1,131 91

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books	.	238 82	
Estes & Lauriat, binding books	.	47 90	
A. H. Roffe, magazines	.	34 70	
Mrs. A. H. Pitkins, book	.	4 00	
F. W. Nash & Co., printing	.	6 75	
Patrick Moils, coal	.	110 70	
Abbie M. Arnold, librarian	.	400 00	
Braintree Water Supply Company, water,		6 00	
Drew & Coffin, tube brush	.	1 00	
Bradford & Mansfield, oil	.	5 25	
Town of Braintree, kindlings	.	3 60	
Abbie M. Arnold, incidentals	.	3 96	
		<hr/>	862 68
Balance in hands of Treasurer	.	269 23	
		<hr/>	\$1,131 91

N. H. HUNT,
Treasurer.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Judging from its increased use, the library would seem to be increasingly appreciated by the town.

The trustees have endeavored to make the most of the means at their disposal, and while aware of many serious wants, are hoping gradually to supply them.

During the year they have ventured to add to the books intended more especially for reference, a full set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

To render the library as acceptable and useful as possible to all, the trustees are always glad to receive any suggestions as to books or management. These, if written and handed at any time to the librarian, will not fail to be carefully considered, and if advisable acted upon.

It has been brought to the attention of the trustees that some of the wood-work in the interior of the library building is very much out of repair, nothing having been done to it since the building was first completed, and the trustees recommend that the town make a special appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars, to be used, or so much of it as may be required, for making the needed repairs, the balance, if any remaining, to be returned to the town treasury.

The trustees would add that during the last month they made purchases of new books from Messrs. Estes & Lauriat, which are now in the library, to the amount of the balance as shown in the treasury Feb. 1, but the bills had not been adjusted so they could be paid by the Treasurer before his account was passed upon by the town auditors at that date.

ASA FRENCH,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
HENRY A. JOHNSON,		
F. A. HOBART,		
N. H. HUNT,		
E. WATSON ARNOLD,		

BRAINTREE, Feb. 11, 1891.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the rules and regulations governing fire departments, I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report of the doings and condition of the department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1891, together with the number of members, fires, losses, and insurance, inventory of public property belonging to the department, and such suggestions as I deem of interest to the good working of the department.

ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZED FEB. 12, 1890.

Chief Engineer, Edward O. Pierson, residence, Washington Street, Braintree.

Assistant Engineer and Clerk, Frank O. Whitmarsh, residence, Shaw Street, East Braintree.

Assistant Engineer, Marcus A. Perkins, residence, Hancock Street, South Braintree.

FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the department consists of one chief and two assistants, and fifty-five (55) members, making a total of fifty-eight (58) men.

COMPANIES ORGANIZED FEB. 3, 1891.

Union Hose Company No. 1, S. E. Whitmarsh, foreman, 15 men.

Butcher Boy Hose Company No. 2, J. F. Winslow, foreman, 15 men.

N. F. T. Hayden Hose Company No. 3, J. F. Gallivan, foreman, 10 men.

Wampatuck Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, James F. Galivan, foreman, 15 men.

HOUSES.

The engine-houses are in good repair and need nothing the coming year except to keep them in good order, unless it should be decided to make some alterations.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus at present in service consists of two hand-engines, two jumpers, two hose-carriages, one hose-wagon, and one hook and ladder truck.

HOSE.

There was at the commencement of the year 4,550 feet of hose, of which 750 feet have been condemned. As good hose is our main reliance, I would recommend purchasing 1,000 feet of hose, 800 feet for the East Village, and 200 feet for the South Village.

Description of hose in department which is serviceable: 2,650 feet of cotton, rubber lined, 400 feet of rubber hose, 400 feet of leather hose, and 63 feet of suction hose.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

IN POSSESSION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND IN USE
FEB. 1, 1890.

UNION HOSE COMPANY No. 1.

One jumper, 1 hand-engine, 28 feet suction hose, 750 feet cotton, rubber-lined hose, 550 feet rubber hose, 200 feet leather hose, 6 spanners and belts, 5 axes, 4 fire buckets, 4 pipes, 4 nozzles, 3 lanterns, 3 ladders, 1 pole for horses, 2 fire hooks, 6 army coats, badges, 1 hydrant wrench, one hydrant gate (1 hose-carriage added later).

BUTCHER BOY HOSE COMPANY No. 2.

One jumper, 1 hand engine, 1 pole for horses, 1,100 feet cotton, rubber-lined hose, 450 feet rubber hose, 200 feet leather hose, 36 feet suction hose, 6 pipes, 7 nozzles, 1 axe, 3 fire hats, 6 army coats, 4 fire buckets, 12 spanners and belts, 1 lantern, 5 ladders, badges, 1 hydrant gate, 1 hydrant wrench, 2 hose hooks, one hatchet (1 hose-wagon and tools for same added later).

N. F. T. HAYDEN HOSE COMPANY No. 3.

One hose carriage, 1,000 feet cotton, rubber-lined hose, 2 pipes, 6 spanners with belts, 1 hydrant wrench, 1 hydrant gate, 2 nozzles, 1 axe, 1 bar, 10 badges.

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY No. 1.

One truck, 1 pole for horses, 8 ladders, 1 tongue, 17 buckets, 5 hooks, 2 axes, 2 hatchets, 3 forks, 3 lanterns, 5 army coats, 2 ladder dogs, 15 badges.

LIST OF FIRES.

The number of fires and alarms were five. Fires causing the greatest loss were: A. W. Dyer, June 2; Columbia Rubber Company, Sept. 27; heirs of Elijah Benjamin, Oct. 5.

FIRE LOSSES AND INSURANCE FOR 1890.

June 2. A. W. Dyer's piggery; loss on building, \$600; insured for \$600; loss on contents, \$840; insured for \$835; cause, incendiary.

June 8. Old Colony Railroad, in sand pit; loss, \$375; no insurance; cause, incendiary.

July 1. Alarm of fire from South Braintree; brush fire.

Sept. 27. Columbia Rubber Company; loss on building, \$1,900; insured for \$1,500; loss on contents, \$5,000; insured for \$1,500; cause, spontaneous combustion.

Oct. 5. Heirs of Elijah Benjamin; loss on building, \$1,200; insured for \$1,000; loss on contents, \$300; no insurance; cause, lamp explosion.

This has been a most remarkable year for fires. A part of the department have responded promptly, and have done their work faithfully. In this age of relief valves and shut-off nozzles, etc., there is less excuse for damaging property than formerly.

We have made quite an outlay for hose-carriage and hose-wagon, etc., which I believe to be true policy, for by doing a little each year, for a few years, the department will be got into such a shape that we shall have only the running expenses to provide for.

I would recommend that the members of the department be increased in pay, and that the appropriation be \$1,500. I would recommend that the town appropriate the sum of \$650 for the purchase of 1,000 feet of hose for the East and South villages, as the East Village is sadly in need of more hose, and if a large fire should take place it could not cope with it.

The board have purchased for the East Village a hose-carriage, at a cost of \$185, and a hose-wagon for the South Village, at a cost of \$418, which is quite an addition to the department, being ornamental as well as useful, and will last the town for years and years to come.

• CONCLUSION.

In conclusion. I would tender my thanks to your honorable board for past favors, and their hearty co-operation to the gentlemen of the Board of Engineers, for the very able assistance rendered me on every occasion, and to those of the officers and members of the department who have performed their duty in a prompt and faithful manner, by an official notice sent by me to your honorable board early in the fall positively declining to stand for reappointment. I have always done my duty as becoming my position in an honorable manner for the best interests of the town at large, and hoping that in the future, as in the past, the department will (all) be as ready and willing to respond when duty calls, and always be as fortunate as in the year just closed,

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. PIERSON,

Chief Engineer.

JURY LIST.

AS MADE BY THE SELECTMEN OF BRAINTREE, FEB. 8, 1891.

Hiram E. Abbott.	George E. Ludden.
Joseph M. Allen.	Frank G. Lunt.
William Allen.	Henry A. Monk.
Richard L. Arnold.	Alverdo H. Mason.
James Frederic Allen.	William H. Macgreggor.
John M. Arnold.	Michael McDermott.
Franklin E. Arnold.	William B. Merritt.
Timothy D. Bagley.	R. Elmer Morrison.
Elisha A. Belcher.	Daniel Potter.
Charles A. Belcher.	Henry Arthur Pierce.
Onslow Q. Ball.	Edward O. Pierson.
Joseph D. Bradford.	Artemas S. Pennock.
William H. Cobb.	Rodolphus Porter.
Henry F. Crane.	John Reed.
Thomas J. Cain.	James A. Reynolds.
F. Eugene Dyer.	John V. Scollard.
Lewis Dyer.	Arthur J. Shaw.
George A. French.	Alfred Southworth.
George G. French.	William H. Stevens.
William G. Full.	George W. Stevens.
Henry Gardner.	Caleb Thompson.
Edward A. Hale.	Foster F. Tupper.
Charles A. Hayward.	William A. Tupper.
Jonathan P. Hayward.	Amasa S. Thayer.
Ellis Hollingsworth.	Henry B. Vinton.
Elijah C. Hall.	Thomas A. Watson.
Peter D. Holbrook.	Jonathan F. White.
Henry M. Hollis.	Joseph Whiteley.
Bradford Y. Knight.	Ezra H. Waite.
Frederic P. Lothrop.	Edward M. Wight.
Charles H. Loring.	B. Herbert Woodsum.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of
Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Monday, the second day of March, 1891, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap. 158 of the Acts of the year 1871, and choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and also to vote on the following question, as required by Chap. 54 of the Acts of 1881, namely : “ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? ”

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money for any purpose.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$150, and pay the same to the Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Memorial Day.

ART. 10. To see how the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of new hose.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes that remain unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the interest on the water bonds, and for the sinking fund established for the payment of said bonds.

ART. 14. To see if the town take any action on the petition of the Old Colony Railroad to abolish the grade crossing on Elm street.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to paint the Town House and to furnish new seats for the Town Hall.

ART. 16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to paint the almshouse.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take on the report of the committee on the claim of E. Bannon for bounty and State aid.

ART. 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to widen Quincy Avenue and Commercial Street, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

ART. 19. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to drain River Street.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to amend or annul Sect. 5 of Article II. of the By-Laws of the town, namely: No final vote shall be reconsidered unless public notice of the intention to move a reconsideration has been given to the Moderator within one hour after the vote has been declared.

ART. 21. To see if the town will choose a committee to revise the By-Laws of the town, and report such alterations as they may deem necessary for the best interest of the town.

ART. 22. To elect six trustees of Thayer Academy, two to serve for one year, two to serve for two years, and two to serve for three years.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to build new school-houses, to provide additional accommodations for the pupils in the Pond and Union districts, and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ART. 24. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for conveying pupils to and from the public schools.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build additions to the Pond and Union schoolhouses, and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Water Commissioners to make such extensions of water pipes as the said Commissioners may think proper.

ART. 27. To choose any committee or hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days, at least, before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,

Selectmen of Braintree.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the town, the Town Clerk submits the following report:

MARRIAGES.

1890.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 7.	Andrew Edward McGuire.	30	Weymouth.
	Kate Louise Bentley.	23	Braintree.
14.	Jeremiah Francis Bentley.	27	"
	Hannora Agnes Lee.	23	"
14.	Charles Everett Geddes.	22	"
	Nellie Weston Witherell.	21	"
20.	Stanislaus Andreas Hoppe.	20	Boston.
	Amelia Elizabeth Lance.	22	Braintree.
Feb. 6.	Edward James Carroll.	28	"
	Hannah Cohen.	24	Weymouth.
17.	Henry Jewell Tripp.	26	Braintree.
	Lila Benham.	19	"
18.	Albert Merritt.	23	"
	Katie Elizabeth (Connolly) Smith.	21	Weymouth.
Mar. 15.	Roscoe Woodbury Keay.	21	Braintree.
	Mabel Agnes David.	19	"
27.	Francis Joseph Mansfield.	23	"
	Etta May Beyett.	18	Randolph.
April 2.	Adin Custance.	23	Braintree.
	Lilla May Dinsmore.	20	Weymouth.
2.	Charles Gustavus Grundstrom.	23	Braintree.
	Cora Mabel Rowell.	18	"
16.	Arthur Canute Thompson.	25	"
	Lizzie C. Karcher.	22	Boston.
18.	Russell Elliott Brown.	20	Braintree.
	Hattie Hall.	19	Nova Scotia.
21.	James Frazier.	31	Braintree.
	Maggie Breen.	23	Weymouth.
26.	Thomas Downey.	24	Braintree.
	Carrie E. Miller.	18	Weymouth.
June 2.	Jeremiah Frazier.	27	Braintree.
	Sophie Frazier.	19	"

1890.		NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
June	3.	George Clinton Goodwin.	26	Lexington.
		Emma Dexter Follansbee.	21	Braintree.
	4.	Ernest Joseph Lane.	26	"
		Margaret Louisa Connor.	25	Boston.
	9.	Frederic Morrill.	23	Stoughton.
		Sarah Ida Brown.	22	Braintree.
	11.	John Thomas Cavanagh.	22	"
		Eva Estelle Hodgkinson.	20	Quincy.
	18.	William George Full.	25	Braintree.
		Nellie Matilda Ware.	23	"
July	25.	Albert Edward Kingsbury.	24	Holbrook.
		Mira Isabel Morrison.	22	Braintree.
	5.	Edward Haynes.	21	Quincy.
		Annie Savage.	17	"
	16.	John F. Beyett.	22	Randolph.
		Maria E. Stetson.	18	"
	Aug. 2.	Benjamin Kirton.	30	Braintree.
		Maria Victoria Summers.	25	"
	17.	William Morrill.	24	"
		Jane White.	23	"
Sept.	25.	William David Levangie.	20	"
		Lucy Jane (Levangie) Frazer.	27	"
	7.	Daniel William Sullivan.	25	"
		Catherine Dillon.	27	"
	9.	Horace Almon Jones	28	"
		Marinda Small Howes.	22	Dennis.
	18.	Patrick Henry Walsh.	25	Braintree.
		Josie M. Murphy.	24	Millbury.
	22.	George St. Lawrence.	22	Braintree.
		Eliza Govern.	24	"
	22.	Samuel Crosby Bridgham.	38	"
		Mabel Norma Ford.	29	"
	22.	William Oliver Chapman.	32	Salem.
		Jessie Stanton Dyer.	24	Braintree.
	24.	Joseph J. Damon.	76	Abington.
		Mary A. (Grace) McIsaac.	40	Maine.
	26.	Francis Anderson.	21	Braintree.
		Margaret Alice Pitts.	21	"
	28.	Arnold Bucklin Mathewson.	34	Connecticut.
		Elizabeth Bird Sampson.	26	Braintree.

1890.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Nov. 10.	John D. Griffin.	26	Braintree.
	Mary Ellen McCarthy.	25	"
24.	Levi Pline.	26	"
	Mary (Garrano) Mercy.	30	"
25.	Peter Delory.	29	"
	Nora Ellen McMahon.	27	"
25.	Peter Coughlin.	27	Weymouth.
	Margaret McMahon.	25	Braintree.
26.	William Philip Keefe.	22	Weymouth.
	Hannora Kiley.	21	Braintree.
Dec. 24.	John Edward Long.	23	"
	Fannie Turner Rae.	21	Weymouth.
25.	Benjamin Franklin Willson.	30	Braintree.
	Minnie Curtis Fisher.	22	"
23.	Herbert Otis.	21	Avon.
	Louisa Evelyn Beals.	17	"
27.	Charles Whitney Mixter.	23	Plymouth.
	Harriet Cammett French.	24	Braintree.

Whole number of marriages, 45.

Birthplace of males : Braintree, 4 ; other places in Massachusetts, 16 ; Canada, 11 ; Maine and Ireland, 3 each ; England, 2 ; Germany, New York, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and unknown, 1 each. Females : Braintree, 7 ; other places in Massachusetts, 23 ; Canada, 8 ; Ireland, 3 ; Germany, Rhode Island, England and unknown, 1 each.

Place of residence : Males,—Braintree, 31 ; other places in Massachusetts, 13 ; Connecticut, 1. Females,—Braintree, 28 ; other places in Massachusetts, 15 ; Maine and Nova Scotia, 1 each.

Marriages solemnized in Braintree, 15 ; Weymouth, 15 ; Quincy, 7 ; Boston, 4 ; Millbury, Dennis, Holbrook and Randolph, 1 each.

Rev. J. J. Murphy married 10 ; Rev. A. A. Ellsworth, 7 ; Rev. F. A. Friguglietti, 6 ; Rev. W. B. Heath, 4 ; Rev. E. O. Dyer, 2 ; Rev. William Full, 1, while 13 were married by other clergymen and 2 by justices of the peace of other places.

Married for the first time, 40 males and 42 females ; for the second, 4 males and 3 females ; for the third, 1 male.

Average age of males, 26.5.

Average age of females, 22.7.

BIRTHS.

1890.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.	3. Emma Eliza Hempstead.	Harry and Anna
	3. Clarence Seymour Reddy.	Samuel and Lydia (Caldwell)
	4. Elberta Laura Porter.	Elbridge F. and Lizzie S. (Nutter)
	7. John J. McManus.	John and Bridget (Logue)
	10. Mary L. Sampson.	George and Sarah (Levangie)
	13. Edward Francis Dennehy.	John H. and Nellie M. (Doyle)
	17. Emilo Castillo Davis.	James P. and Selina M. (Strauss)
	17. George Philip Robery.	John P. and Matilda (Tellier)
	19. Thomas H. Miller.	Joseph S. and Rebecca (Kelley)
	19. Edward McRae.	Augustus and Bridget (Bentley)
	21. Gertrude Olivine Inman.	William and Kate E.
	24. Lilla Selina Surpremant.	Charles and Selina (Burcher)
	28. Leander Osborne.	Walter S. and Laura A. (Belcher)
	29. Mary Ellen White.	Richard and Mary (O'Sullivan)
	31. Thomas Prescott O'Connor.	Maurice and Elizabeth (Bishop)
Feb.	2. Leo Irving Goodspeed.	Herbert N. and Carriena (Snow)
	12. Florence Downie Dexheimer.	Jacob, Jr., and Janette (Lowson)
	14. Mary Starr.	John H. and Mary J. (Nosmarthy)
	15. Edna Mabel Bird.	George W. and Mary R. (Smith)
	17. Elmer C. Mann.	Rufus E. and Susan L. (Guild)
	18. Maggie Louise Delory.	John and Louise (Vigneaux)
	19. Jennie Justina Smith.	Alfred F. and Georgie C. (Grover)
	22. Hildegard Dearing.	Frank H. and Grace M. (Hayward)
	24. Blanche Morrison.	Fred G. and Anna I. M. (Johnson)
	23. Frederic Bruce Watson.	Robert B. and Ada L. (Smith)
	25. John Addison Hargreaves.	Seth A. and Mary J. (Long)
	26. Sarah Jennie Cuff.	William H. and Sarah A. (Riley)
Mar.	Bertha Chapman.	Unknown
	5. ——— Clinton.	Michael and Eliza (Mullin)
	10. Susan Gertrude Brackett.	George P. and Lilla L.
	11. Malcolm Forbes Storrs.	Richard S. and Clara F. (Curtis)
	12. Nita Margaret Hanson.	John A. and Margaret (Lonergan)
	22. May Watkins Bowditch.	Frederic E. and Mary A. (Sanborn)
	29. Mary Agnes Bowman.	Peter and Mary (Levangie)
	30. Helen Mohawk Butler.	John D. and Margaret M. (McDonough)
April	1. Marguerite Honor Shay.	Edward and Maria L. (Branley)
	3. Mable Gertrude Stiles.	John M. and Mary A. (Macdonald)
	3. Clerrence Ellen Carroll.	Edward J. and Hannah (Colon)
	3. ——— Brinker.	Joseph E. and Louisa
	7. Ellen Dejon.	Edward and Katie (Bennett)
	12. Mary E. Pitts.	Joseph and Mary (Frazer)
	12. Thomas J. Rogers.	Simon and Mary (Pitts)
	15. John Edward Allen.	Clarence M. and Caroline (Bartlett)

1890.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
April 21.	—— Hollinshead.	John and Fannie (Kendrick)
29.	Thomas A. King.	William and Mary E. (Frazer)
30.	Helen C. Smith.	Charles H. and Mary
May 3.	Barbara Ann Cloherty.	Mark and Nora (Vee)
3.	Michael John Cloherty.	Mark and Nora (Vee)
8.	Ella Theresa Dalton.	Thomas J. and Mary (McDermott)
8.	William Thomas Phipps.	William B. and Mary A. (Hurl)
10.	Mary H. Kelley.	William and Ida H. (White)
10.	Abe Freedman.	Alfred and Sarah (Leveen)
16.	Stella Tirrell Fearing.	Clarence W. and Mary T. (Tirrell)
19.	—— Headley.	Robert and Margaret
20.	—— Delory.	Simon and Annie (Delory)
20.	—— Delory.	Simon and Annie (Delory)
22.	Joseph Penniman DeNiel.	Richard and Ellen E. (Viger)
27.	Winifred May Johnson.	Robert and Katie E. (Healy)
31.	Guy Morrison Brown.	Russell and Hattie (Hall)
June —.	Edward Robery.	Daniel W. and Mary (Mitchell)
3.	Simon Dejon.	Michael and Jane (Decose)
4.	Clara Louisa Bowman.	Wendell P. and Clara M. (Cronin)
7.	Robert C. Robinson.	John H. G. and Mary E. (Currier)
22.	John Joseph O'Connell.	Cornelius and Hannah (Hallsiey)
23.	Marion Beal Tobey.	Harrison L. and Helen M. (Beal)
23.	Mary Ann Geoghan.	John and Hannah (Craven)
24.	Elva Spencer Bates.	Harry S. and Elizzie E. (Litchfield)
26.	Larkin Ervin Hayden.	William O. and Esther (Fletcher)
July —.	Jeremiah F. Donovan.	Jeremiah and Mary J. (McClosky)
3.	Rosanna Perow.	Jeremiah and Mary (Frazer)
4.	Nellie A. Holmes.	William A. and Fanny E. (Pierce)
7.	Mary O'Brien.	Timothy and Margaret (McGrath)
16.	Henry Michael Powers.	John and Mary A.
26.	Frank Clifford Drinkwater.	John J. and Elizabeth A. (Donahue)
29.	Pearl Elvira Keay.	Roscoe W. and Mabel A. (David)
Aug. 1.	Ambrose Jeremiah Frazer.	Jeremiah and Katie (Frazer)
2.	Mary Alice Dejon.	Joseph and Hattie (Levangie)
3.	Ethel May Smith.	James F. and Nellie (Tenney)
4.	Francis Joseph Maher.	Mary A. Maher
11.	Stanley Spilsted Bates.	Gustave B. and Annie M. (Spilsted)
17.	Mary Agnes Reynolds.	James A. and Mary A. (Finnegan)
24.	Eleanor Etta Somes.	Herbert C. and Florence (Beaton)
29.	Annie Veronica Burgess.	Horace S. and Katie G. (Gannon)
30.	Arthur Wright Hathaway.	Joseph R. and Alice B. (Chick)
31.	Arthur Josephus Shaw.	Arthur J. and S. Elinor (Parks)
31.	Hugh Parks Shaw.	Arthur J. and S. Elinor (Parks)
Sept. 1.	William Bowditch Morgan.	Frank H. and Carrie L. (Bowditch)

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Sept. 4.	Michael Burt Dejon.	Simon and Mary (Cota)
5.	Henry Arthur Johnson.	Frederic E. and Hannah L. (Harnish)
6.	——— Stevenson.	Edmund W. and Maggie
6.	John Wheeler Harding.	William C. and Eunice L. (Burbank)
8.	Henry G. Ingraham.	Frederic G. and Emma L. (Whitcomb)
8.	Henrietta E. Ingraham.	Frederic G. and Emma L. (Whitcomb)
10.	Dudley Penniman Howland.	Walter H. and Lillian R. (Penniman)
10.	——— Buker.	George C. and Ella A. (Cook)
11.	May Frances Gogan.	James A. and Katie F. (Lee)
11.	Timothy Joseph Reardon.	Dennis and Nora (Harrington)
12.	Arthur Herbert Horte.	Oluf J. and Regina (Anderson)
13.	Mila Albertine Gage.	R. Allen and Hattie A. (Holbrook)
14.	Sarah Mary Donahue.	John and Mary A. (Lindsey)
16.	Mary Elizabeth Levangie.	Benjamin and Eliza (Dejon)
16.	Grace ——— Grover.	James E. and Annie M. (Pool)
17.	Daniel McCue.	Edward J. and Elizabeth F. (Bentley)
20.	Harry Hamilton Hunt.	Harry H. H. and Lottie A. (Logue)
21.	Mary A. Frazer.	Charles and Rosanna (Braaw)
24.	John Lester Taylor.	Alphonso W. and Margaret (Gartland)
Oct. 1.	Mary Fullerton Hughes.	Edward J. and Sarah (Fullerton)
2.	Warren Ellsworth Denton.	Warren E. and Annie C. (Jones)
3.	——— Saunders.	Charles F. and Abby H. (Green)
6.	Elmer Gardner White.	Herbert G. and Nora L. (Decoster)
6.	Robert Enoch Bryant.	E. Chase and Clara L. (Keith)
6.	——— Peterson.	William O. and Cora
8.	Louisa May Finnegan.	John E. and Margaret A. (Sheehan)
11.	Lyman Henry Reynolds.	Louis and Cora A. (Lyman)
20.	John William Shaw.	Willie H. and Mary V. (Ferdon)
22.	Harold Maynard Morrison.	Walter E. and Edith A. (Follansbee)
22.	——— McDonough.	John and Maggie (Cain)
22.	Simon John Cota.	Hubert and Maggie (Decose)
26.	Lewis Colby Dailey.	Charles A. and Nettie M. (Clement)
30.	Martha Jane Smith.	George E. and Victoria (Brow)
30.	Thomas Francis Maguire.	Andrew and Catherine L. (Bentley)
Nov. 1.	Newell Appleton Browning.	J. A. and Florence A. (Appleton)
3.	Marion May Burnham.	George T. and Irene E. (Brown)
6.	——— Hubert	G. W. and Clara F.
9.	Ora Autumna Simonds.	H. Willie and E. Claribel (Arnold)
12.	John Ellis Lind.	John and Sarah
13.	Lawrence Jeremiah Levangie.	John and Ellen (Delory)
18.	——— Daggett.	Edward H. and Alice E.
18.	Dorothy Thayer Woodman.	Clarence A. and Josie H. (Mayhew)
23.	——— Buker.	Edward G. and Annie M. (Whitehouse)
23.	Carrie Agnes Trask.	Edward F. and Ellen (Gorman)

1890.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Nov. 24.	Alton Phinney.	Nelson A. and Eliza A. (Driscoll)
24.	Nelson Phinney.	Nelson A. and Eliza A. (Driscoll)
29.	—— Harnish.	Edward and Mary
Dec. 1.	Harold S. McLean.	John S. and Lulu G.
3.	John Griffin.	Michael and Mary A. (O'Connell)
6.	George Clifford Maguire.	Cornelius J. and Ella M. (McDermott)
10.	Jessie Ethel Tripp.	Henry J. and Lila G. (Benham)
15.	Eula Frances Manter.	John S. and Susie N. (Snow)
15.	Wilbur Merrill Call.	William M. and Bertha C. (Ewell)
16.	James Henry McLean.	George P. and Mary R. (Budd)
27.	Rose Helena O'Rourke.	John and Rosanna (Devereux)
27.	Marion Gertrude Downey.	Thomas and Carrie (Miller)
29.	—— Merritt.	Albert and Katie E. (Connolly)
29.	Emma Victoria Millett.	William M. and Maria J. (Hargreaves)
31.	Joseph Arthur Delory.	Paul and Martha (Bennett)

The following were omitted in last year's report : —

1889.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Feb. 22.	Lucius Andrew Qualey.	James R. and Eliza J. (Dugey)
Mar. 15.	Charles Elmer Smith.	James F. and Nellie (Tenney)
April 15.	Ellen Agnes Sullivan.	John F. and Annie T. (Bentley)
27.	Elizabeth Nichols Bryant.	E. Chase and Clara L. (Keith)
May 10.	Margaret Lillian Hennessey.	John T. and Annie (Campbell)
July 20.	Mildred Louise Whitmarsh.	S. Everett and Delia (Thomas)
Dec. 8.	John Raymond Thomas.	John and Katie M. (Daley)

Whole number of births in 1890 was 146. Males, 78; females, 68.

Birthplace of fathers: Braintree, 20; other places in Massachusetts, 43; Canada, 29; Ireland, 20; England, 7; Maine, 6; Rhode Island, 4; New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont, 2 each; Sweden, Austria, Michigan, Russia, Scotland, Norway, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Alabama, 1 each; unknown, 2.

Birthplace of mothers: Braintree, 21; other places in Massachusetts, 44; Canada, 38; Ireland, 18; England, 8; Maine and New York, 4 each; New Hampshire, 2; Austria, Michigan, Russia, Connecticut, Norway, and Maryland, 1 each; unknown, 1.

DEATHS.

	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE.		
			Y.	M.	D.
(1890.)					
Jan. 7.	Margaret Richardson.	Ireland.	58	—	—
9.	Mary (Howard) Green.	Randolph.	64	6	4
11.	Clarissa B. Thayer.	Braintree.	77	0	6
14.	John Moriarty.	Ireland.	86	—	—
14.	Naaman L. White.	Braintree.	77	6	21
14.	Martin Connors.	Ireland.	49	—	—
18.	Walter C. Osborne.	Braintree.	81	3	20
24.	George Naylor.	England.	70	4	22
24.	Margaret (Gilroy) Rourke.	Ireland.	82	—	—
26.	Emma F. (Phillips) Ellis.	Nova Scotia.	32	4	26
28.	Harriet A. (Howard) Cole.	Randolph.	45	5	2
(Feb. 13.)	Peter Washington Dyer.	Braintree.	75	3	13
(Mar. 4.)	Lillian G. Pratt.		12	2	18
(5.)	Leander Osborne.		—	1	5
5.	—— Clinton.	"	—	—	1
13.	Susan G. Brackett.		—	—	3
14.	Margaret (Paul) Main.	Scotland.	82	—	—
(15.)	Sarah B. (Hayward) French.	Braintree.	88	4	13
17.	Thomas Doyle.	Ohio.	21	1	8
19.	Almira Gage Wixon.	Braintree.	—	6	26
24.	Edgar A. Moir.		2	9	8
24.	Mary E. Cota.	"	—	8	13
(April 2.)	Everett A. Harris.	Quincy.	43	—	—
(3.)	Arthur E. Mann.	Braintree.	5	3	10
4.	Matthew Hennessey.	Braintree.	19	10	1
14.	Eliza J. (Stevens) Gilman.	Groton.	59	10	10
17.	Marion O. Cass.	Boston.	83	11	—
26.	Alice L. (Randall) Jackson.	Braintree.	35	11	0
May 2.	Emma L. Thayer.	"	27	1	2
5.	Dorothy R. Bates.	"	—	6	17
22.	William Marland.	Andover.	40	5	—
23.	Ruby E. Allen.	Charlestown.	41	11	23
June 21.	David H. Bates.	Weymouth.	75	0	18
22.	William Chester Killian.	Braintree.	4	2	4
28.	Mary E. Hobart.	"	8	0	15
July 1.	Ann (Gibbons) Missett.	Ireland.	54	8	—
5.	Nellie L. (Hickey) Ratcliffe.	Weymouth.	33	0	9
5.	Albert L. Cavanagh.	Boston.	21	7	9
9.	John Hope.	Scotland.	76	—	—
14.	John Hennessey.	Ireland.	75	—	—
16.	Daniel Linehan.	"	40	—	—
19.	George W. Dyer.	Braintree.	19	2	28
19.	Elmer C. Mann.	"	—	5	2

1890.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE.		
			Y.	M.	D.
July 24.	John Connell.	Ireland.	42	—	—
	25. Martha Murphy Eastwood.	England.	62	1	—
Aug. 4.	Nellie C. Carroll.	Braintree.	—	4	1
	11. Thomas A. King.	"	—	3	13
	13. Thomas H. Griffin.	"	—	11	13
	19. Rosanna Perow.	"	—	1	16
	19. Mary E. Pitts.	"	—	4	7
	20. Bertha Chapman.	Unknown.	—	5	—
	20. Mary L. Sampson.	Braintree.	—	2	11
	23. Grace M. Dearing.	"	2	2	17
	23. Edward Robery.	"	—	2	—
	25. Robert C. Robinson.	"	—	2	15
	31. Hugh Parks Shaw.	Quincy.	—	—	1
Sept. 8.	Amariah Storrs.	Connecticut.	82	0	14
	9. Jeremiah F. Donovan.	Cambridge.	—	2	—
	9. Mary H. Kelley.	Braintree.	—	3	25
	13. Charles Hayden.	Stoughton.	64	9	—
	20. Susan R. H. (Hunt) Williams.	Braintree.	48	9	6
	20. R. Andrew Pace.	"	—	9	23
	22. Mary A. Frazer.	"	—	—	1
	23. Mary (Gibson) Gott.	Ireland.	76	—	—
	28. Lillie (Patterson) Cass.	Abington.	22	1	20
	30. Nelson A. Phinney.	Plympton.	29	10	13
Oct. 5.	Miriam L. (McLearn) Morrow.	P. E. Island.	39	10	—
	11. Mira (Southworth) Morrison.	Stoughton.	79	11	3
	11. William Frank Jones.	Braintree.	23	7	10
	11. Henry G. Ingraham.	"	—	1	3
	14. Henrietta E. Ingraham.	"	—	1	6
	16. Frank L. Moulton.	Connecticut.	35	6	28
	22. ——— McDonough.	Braintree.	—	—	1
	26. Thomas J. Rogers.	"	—	6	14
	28. Annie F. Jones.	"	7	2	15
Nov. 8.	Patrick Moils.	Ireland.	57	10	17
	16. Elizabeth (Gilmore) Saunders.	Nova Scotia.	90	—	—
	19. Fear C. (Robbins) Cushing.	Plymouth.	76	6	—
	20. Norma G. Morrison.	Braintree.	2	1	4
	21. Harriet (Wild) Penniman.	"	82	6	24
	23. Charles Edward French.	Boston.	52	2	29
	24. Mary P. (Brown) Ellis.	Maine.	82	—	—
	27. John J. McManus.	Braintree.	—	10	20
	29. Charles H. Mann.	"	37	8	—
Dec. 1.	Leroy W. Collins.	"	52	0	20
	2. ——— Buker.	"	—	—	9
	8. William B. Smith.	New York.	82	—	—

1890.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE.		
			Y.	M.	D.
Dec. 15.	Thomas H. Miller.	Braintree.	—	10	25
29.	Alexander Pickard.	Scotland.	85	11	19
31.	Simeon Thayer.	Braintree.	81	6	29
31.	—— Merritt.	“	—	—	2

Still-born, 5. Total, 96.

Of the above, 34 were under 1 year; 9 between 1 and 10; 3 between 10 and 20; 6 between 20 and 30; 6 between 30 and 40; 8 between 40 and 50; 6 between 50 and 60; 3 between 60 and 70; 10 between 70 and 80; 10 between 80 and 90; and 1, 90.

Average age, $33\frac{1}{4}$ years.

Males, 50; females, 46.

Single, 53; married, 21; widowed, 17.

Born in Braintree, 54; other places in Massachusetts, 19; Ireland, 10; Scotland and Canada, 3 each; England and Connecticut, 2 each; New York, Maine, and Ohio, 1 each.

The birthplaces of the parents were as follows, namely:—

Fathers. — Braintree, 20; other places in Massachusetts, 23; Canada, 18; Ireland, 20; Scotland, England, and New Hampshire, 3 each; Maine, 2; Vermont, New York, and Connecticut, 1 each; unknown, 1.

Mothers. — Braintree, 14; other places in Massachusetts, 32; Ireland, 17; Canada, 16; England, 5; Scotland, 3; Maine, New Hampshire, and New York, 2 each; Connecticut and Indiana, 1 each; unknown, 1.

Buried in Braintree, 28; Quincy, 25; Weymouth, 20; Randolph, 4; Boston, 3; Holbrook, 2; Hingham, Milton, Swampscott, Newton, Chelsea, Plympton, Stoughton, Watertown, Taunton, Brockton, Scituate, Malden, Maine, and Connecticut, 1 each.

Causes of death: pneumonia, 16; cholera infantum, dysentery and diarrhoea, 14; consumption, 9; heart disease, 8; apoplexy and paralysis, 8; still-born, 5, diphtheria and stomatitis, 3 each; convulsions and exposure, 2 each; neuralgia, colic, Hodgkins's disease, asphyxia, gangrene, meningitis, pyelitis, abscess, alcoholism, puerperal fever, drowning, nephritis, septicemia, myotitis, bronchitis, disease of liver, cancer, weakness, hypertrophoid prostate, railroad accident, humor, concussion of brain, rheumatism, and Bright's disease, 1 each; unknown, 2.

TOWN RECORDS.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Monday, the third day of March, 1890, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 158 of the Statutes of the year 1871, and choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and also to vote on the following question, as required by Chap. 54 of the Acts of the year 1881, namely : “ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? ”

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money for any purpose.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$150, and pay the same to the Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Memorial Day.

ART. 10. To see how the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the interest on the

water bonds, and for the sinking fund established for the payment of said bonds.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on taxes that remain unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to build an armory for Company K, 5th Regiment.

ART. 14. To hear the report of the Committee on the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, and raise and appropriate such a sum of money as will defray the expenses of the same.

ART. 15. To choose two members of the School Fund Committee, in place of Naaman L. White and William R. Penniman, deceased.

ART. 16. To choose one Trustee of the Thayer Public Library, in place of John M. Beals, removed from town.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for conveying pupils to and from the public schools; the same to be expended by the School Committee in their discretion.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 to finish Elliott Street.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to elect six Trustees of the Thayer Public Library, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 304 of the Acts of 1888, and the vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

ART. 20. To see if the town will sell a strip of land on the easterly line of the Poor farm, fifteen feet in width on the street, running back to intersect the said easterly line, one hundred and twenty-five feet from the street.

ART. 21. To see if the town will amend Article 11 of the By-Laws, so as to elect six Trustees of the Thayer Public Library, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 304 of the Acts of 1888.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to place flagging stones across the street, at such places as may be deemed necessary by the Selectmen, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to purchase two hose-carriages, one for the East and one for the South part of the town.

ART. 24. To see if the town will choose a committee to select a location and get plans and specifications for the erection of a High School building in the North part of the town.

ART. 25. To see if the town will make an appropriation to widen that portion of Elm Street lying east of the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Perry.

ART. 26. To see if the town will annul Article 11 of the By-Laws.

ART. 27. To choose any committee, or hear and act on report of any committee.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
R. ALLEN GAGE,
Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, ss.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 27, 1890.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting; and I have caused the said warrant to be published in the *Braintree Observer* once before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: SAMUEL A. BATES, *Town Clerk.*

BRAINTREE, March 3, 1890.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Ansel O. Clark was appointed to check the list, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Upon ballot, by the use of the check-list, Francis A. Hobart was unanimously elected moderator, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted, That Articles 2, 3, and 4 be laid on the table.

ART. 5. *Voted*, To proceed to the election of the following town officers on one ballot, namely: Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; three Selectmen, who shall be Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; two School Committee for the term of three years; one Water Commissioner for the term of three years; three Auditors: three Fence Viewers; one Trustee of the Thayer Public Library, to fill vacancy; two School Fund Committee, to fill vacancies; and thirteen Constables; and also at the same time vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Moderator appointed John Stoddard to take charge of the ballot box, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted, That after the close of the polls and the declaration of the result of the ballot the meeting shall be declared adjourned to Monday, March 10, 1890, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Voted, That a committee of eleven be appointed by the Chair to report what appropriations are necessary to be made to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.

The polls were declared open at twenty-five minutes past eight o'clock A. M.

Voted, That the polls be closed at 12h. 30m. P. M., and at that time they were declared closed.

Moderator appointed as tellers, to assort and count the votes, Samuel A. Bates, Elmer E. Abercrombie, and Marcus A. Perkins, and they were sworn by Francis A. Hobart, Justice of the Peace.

The tellers having completed their work, the moderator declared the result of the ballot as follows, namely:—

Whole number of ballots, 304.

For Town Clerk, — Blanks, 5 ; Samuel A. Bates, 299 ; and he was declared elected, and sworn by the moderator.

Town Treasurer, — Blanks, 3 ; S. A. Bates, 2 ; Andrew J. Bates, 299 ; and he was declared elected, and sworn.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, — Blanks, 3 ; Ansel O. Clark, 301 ; blanks, 7 ; A. J. Bates, 1 ; Nathaniel F. Hunt, 296 ; blanks, 16 ; F. E. Arnold, 7 ; J. Franklin Bates, 281 ; and Ansel O. Clark, Nathaniel F. Hunt, and J. Franklin Bates were declared elected, and sworn.

School Committee for three years, — Blanks, 2 ; Albert E. Avery, 302 ; John Reed, 304 ; and Albert E. Avery and John Reed were declared elected, and accepted the office.

Water Commissioner for three years, — Blanks, 3 ; A. J. Shaw, 83 ; James T. Stevens, 218 ; and James T. Stevens was declared elected, and accepted the office.

Auditors, — Blanks, 2 ; Daniel Potter, 304 ; Alverdo Mason, 302 ; blank, 1 ; L. Willard Morrison, 303 ; and Daniel Potter, Alverdo Mason, and L. Willard Morrison were declared elected, and sworn.

Trustee of Thayer Public Library, to fill vacancy, — Blank, 1 ; E. Watson Arnold, 303 ; and he was declared elected to fill the vacancy, and accepted.

School Fund Committee, to fill vacancies, — Blank, 1 ; Henry A. Johnson, 303 ; blanks, 2 ; Francis A. Hobart, 302 ; and Henry A. Johnson and Francis A. Hobart were declared elected, and accepted.

Fence Viewers, — Blanks, 2 ; A. J. Shaw, 1 ; Josiah Penniman, 301 ; Freeman G. Crosby, 304 ; John V. Scollard, 304 ; and Josiah Penniman, Freeman G. Crosby, and John V. Scollard were declared elected, and sworn.

Constables, — A. J. Shaw, 1 ; J. J. O'Keefe, 78 ; James H. King, 80 ; James A. Reynolds, 289 ; Albert Hobart, 288 ; George T. Dee, 288 ; Benjamin J. Loring, Jr., 288 ; Everett A. Harris, 287 ; Conrade Mischler, 286 ; James R. Qualey, 285 ; Horace Faxon, 285 ; Isaac L. Jones, 285 ; Edwin L. Curtis, 284 ; John Kelley, of Quincy Avenue, 282 ; Thomas Fallon, 216 ; Henry M. Storms, 212 ; and Messrs. Reynolds, Hobart, Dee, Loring, Harris, Mischler, Qualey, Faxon, Jones, Curtis, Kelley, Fallon, and Storms were declared elected, and sworn.

“ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? ”

Whole number of ballots, 248. Yes, 113 ; no, 135.

The meeting was declared adjourned to Monday, March 10, 1890, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, March 10, 1890.

The town assembled according to adjournment from March 3, 1890.

Moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 5 before the meeting.

The following officers were chosen by hand vote : —

Voted, To choose three Measurers of Grain.

C. Herbert Doane and J. Marcus Arnold were chosen, and sworn. John J. A. Delano was chosen, but declined.

Voted, To choose four Weighers of Hay.

Martin L. Tupper, J. Marcus Arnold, Peter B. Lowson, and James H. Finnegan were chosen, and all sworn.

Voted, To choose three Measurers of Lumber.

Martin L. Tupper, John Kelley, and George H. Holbrook were chosen, and all sworn.

Voted, To choose one Measurer of Leather.

Albion C. Drinkwater was chosen, and sworn.

Voted, To choose five Measurers of Wood.

J. Marcus Arnold, Martin L. Tupper, Edward J. Carroll, Edward M. Wight, and William Allen were chosen, and all sworn.

Voted, To choose three Field-drivers.

John Stoddard, Michael O'Brien, and Morris Gurney were chosen, and sworn.

Voted, That the Pound-keeper be appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 5 was laid on the table.

Article 2 taken from the table.

The Selectmen made their annual report in print.

Voted, That the Selectmen file in the office of the Town Clerk a schedule of the property in their possession as Surveyors of Highways.

Voted, That the bill of Edward Avery for legal services be re-committed to the Selectmen, with instructions to obtain of him an itemized account.

Voted, To accept the annual report of the Selectmen.

Article 2 was laid on the table.

Article 4 taken from the table.

Moved that we accept the provisions of Chap. 158 of the Acts of 1871. Rejected.

Article 3 taken from the table.

Voted, That the highways and bridges be repaired in accordance with Chap. 98 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1889.

Voted, That the matter of the salary of the Superintendent of Highways be left with the Selectmen.

Article 6 taken up.

Voted, Unanimously, that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money, in anticipation of taxes of the current fiscal year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Article 7 taken up.

Voted, That the jury list as made by the Selectmen be revised by striking out the names of Ezra H. Waite, Walter E. Morrison, James A. Reynolds, and Everett A. Harris.

Voted, To accept the following names, to be placed in the jury box, namely : —

Hiram E. Abbott.	Charles A. Hayward.	Edward O. Pierson.
James F. Allen.	Jonathan P. Hayward.	Rodolphus Porter.
Joseph M. Allen.	Ellis Hollingsworth.	Daniel Potter.
Orace W. Allen.	Henry M. Hollis.	John Reed.
William Allen.	William A. Kane.	John V. Scollard.
John M. Arnold.	Bradford Y. Knight.	Willie H. Shaw.
Timothy D. Bagley.	Charles H. Loring.	Alfred Southworth.
Onslow Q. Ball.	Frederic P. Lothrop.	William H. Stevens.
Elisha A. Belcher.	George E. Ludden.	Caleb Thompson.
Thomas J. Cain.	Frank G. Lunt.	N. Gleason Torrey.
William H. Cobb.	William H. Macgreggor.	Foster F. Tupper.
Henry F. Crane.	Alverdo H. Mason.	William A. Tupper.
John H. Dinsmore.	Michael McDermott.	Henry B. Vinton.
F. Eugene Dyer.	William B. Merritt.	I. Francis Vinton.
Charles E. French.	R. Elmer Morrison.	Thomas A. Watson.

George A. French.	Walter O. Munroe.	James T. Weeks.
Richard A. Gage.	Thomas Penniman.	Jonathan F. White.
Henry Gardner.	Artemas S. Pennock.	Joseph Whitely.
Edward A. Hale.	Henry Arthur Pierce.	Edward M. Wight.
Elijah C. Hall.		

Article 8 taken up.

The Committee on Appropriations reported, and it was voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the expenses of the town for the current year:—

Voted, That the income from the dog tax, State and town school funds be appropriated for schools.

Schools	\$9,500
Incidentals for schools	300
Incidentals for schoolhouses	1,100
Text-books and supplies	700
Superintendent of schools	1,200
Conveyance of scholars to and from school	200
Support of poor	4,000
Repairs of highways	4,000
Stone roads	3,000
Removal of snow	500
Public Library	700
Janitor	600
Town lands	100
Interest on town debt	1,200
Interest on water bonds	2,500
Sinking fund	2,000
State aid, Chap. 252	400
Town incidentals	1,200
Collection and abatement of taxes	700
Town officers	2,500
Expenses of lawsuits	5,000
Grand Army of the Republic	175
Fire Department	1,200
Delivery of library books	100
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	\$42,875

Article 6 laid on the table.

Voted, That Article 14 be taken up.

The Committee on the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Braintree reported that the town celebrate said anniversary, which report was accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the town celebrate the two hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation, and that the same committee chosen to consider the subject, viz.: Asa French, Samuel A. Bates, Francis A. Hobart, Ebenezer F. E. Thayer, N. Eugene Hollis, Abijah Allen, Albert E. Avery, Nathaniel H. Hunt, E. Watson Arnold, and Albert Hobart, have full powers to carry this vote into effect.

Voted, That the sum of \$1,500 be appropriated for the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town.

Article 14 laid on the table.

Article 6 taken from the table.

Voted, That so much of the bank and corporation tax, to the amount of \$7,000, be applied to the payment of the above appropriations.

Voted, To raise by taxation the sum of thirty-seven thousand three hundred and seventy-five (37,375) dollars.

Voted, That all bills shall be presented in detail and itemized, and so far as they relate to the water question, be submitted to the Water Commissioners, and all other bills to the several departments which contract them.

Article 6 laid on the table.

Article 9 taken up.

Voted, That the money appropriated for the Grand Army of the Republic be paid to Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, No. 87, to assist them in defraying the expenses of the services on Memorial Day.

Article 10 taken up.

Voted, That the Engineers and members of the Fire Department be each paid the sum of ten dollars for their services the current year.

Article 11 taken up.

Voted, To confirm the vote to appropriate sums of money to pay the interest on the water bonds, and for the sinking funds established for the payment of said bonds.

Article 12 taken up.

Voted, That all taxes assessed the current year shall be payable on or before the first day of December, 1890, and on all taxes not paid on or before the said first day of December, interest at the rate of six per centum per annum shall be charged and collected from the said first day of December until the tax is paid; and that the Collector is required immediately after the first day of January, 1891, to exert all the power vested in him by law for the collection of all unpaid taxes.

Article 13 taken up.

The Committee on an Armory for Company K., 5th Regiment, made their report, for which see files.

Voted, To accept the report.

Voted, That the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated for the purpose of building an armory for Company K., 6th Regiment, M. V. M. Yeas, 59; nays, 37.

Voted, That the town borrow the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of building the armory in Braintree. Yeas, 64; nays, 28.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to to carry out the vote just passed.

Voted, To take up Article 24.

Notice was given by Daniel Potter that at the adjourned meeting he should move to reconsider the votes concerning the building of an armory.

Voted, To amend the record by inserting the following words: "That on and after this date all bills presented for payment to the Selectmen shall be itemized, and no order shall be drawn for their payment until they have been approved by the department having the matter in charge."

Voted, To adjourn to Monday, April 7, 1890, at half past one o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, April 7, 1890.

The town assembled in accordance with the adjournment from March 10, 1890.

The moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 24 before the meeting.

Moved that a committee of three from each part of the town and two members of the School Committee be appointed by the moderator to select a location and get plans and specifications for the erection of a High School building.

This motion was moved to be amended by substituting the Superintendent of Schools, instead of one of the School Committee.

The School Committee presented two reports on a High School building, one signed by R. H. Morrison, L. H. H. Johnson, and A. E. Avery; and the other by John Reed, A. M. Brooks, and E. A. Wild (see files).

Voted, By the use of the check-list, to indefinitely postpone the whole subject. Yeas, 112; nays, 95.

Article 13 taken up.

Moved that the vote whereby the town voted to borrow \$6,000, for the purpose of building an armory, be reconsidered, and that the vote be taken by the use of the check-list.

Notice was given by John Kelley that he should move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the town voted to indefinitely postpone the whole subject of choosing a committee to select a location and get plans and specifications for the erection of a High Schoolhouse.

Voted, to adjourn to Tuesday, April 15, 1890, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, April 15, 1890.

The town assembled in accordance with the adjournment from April 7, 1890.

Moderator called the meeting to order.

Voted, That the vote on the question of the reconsideration of the vote whereby the town voted to borrow \$6,000 to build an armory, be taken at twenty minutes past eight o'clock P. M.; that the speeches be divided equally between the several sides, and that the speakers be limited to five minutes each.

Voted, That James McSweeney have additional time.

Voted, That the question be taken by ballot, "yes," or "no," with the use of the check-list.

Voted, That a committee of three, to assort and count the votes, shall be appointed by the Chair.

S. A. Bates, E. E. Abercrombie, and M. A. Perkins were appointed by the Chair, and were sworn.

The result of the ballot was, yeas, 246; nays, 211; the whole number of ballots being 457.

The vote was therefore declared reconsidered.

Article 24 taken up.

Moved to reconsider the vote whereby the town voted to indefinitely postpone the question of choosing a committee to procure plans and specifications for a High Schoolhouse.

Voted, That the question be taken by ballot, "yes," or "no," with the use of the check-list.

Whole number of ballots, 402; yeas, 199; nays, 203; and the motion was rejected.

Voted, To adjourn to Thursday, April 24, 1890, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, April 24, 1890.

The town assembled in accordance with the adjournment from April 15, 1890.

Moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 5 taken from the table.

John L. Delano chosen Measurer of Grain in place of John J. A. Delano, declined.

Voted, To let out the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder. David H. B. Thayer agreed to collect the taxes for $4\frac{9}{10}$ mills on the dollar. He was chosen Collector of Taxes by the use of the check-list and by ballot, and sworn.

Article 5 laid on the table.

Article 8 taken from the table.

Voted, That Francis A. Hobart be paid the sum of \$25 for his services as moderator the past year.

Article 8 laid on the table.

Article 14 taken from the table.

Voted, That the sum of \$500 dollars be appropriated, in addition to the sum already appropriated, to celebrate the anniversary of the incorporation of the town.

Article 18 taken up.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to finish Elliott Street.

Article 20 taken up.

Voted, That it be referred to the Selectmen.

Article 27 taken up.

Voted, That a committee of six be appointed by the Chair to secure a report of the receipts and expenditures of the Trustees of the Thayer Academy, and that the same be published in the annual report of the Selectmen.

Alverdo Mason, W. H. Shaw, E. A. Belcher, H. A. Johnson, Daniel Potter, and F. A. Hobart were appointed said committee.

Article 22 taken up.

Committee on Drainage made a report, as follows :—

The committee appointed at the last annual town-meeting to consider the matter of drainage for the town, report that as no provision was made by the town for the payment of such expenses as the committee might think necessary to incur, their consideration of the subject has been limited. They conclude, however, that some streets in the several villages, and some of the main streets connecting these villages, should be provided with altogether different and better drainage than they now have. In order to properly present the matter to the town for its consideration, the committee are of the opinion that the committee should be authorized to call upon the State Board of Health to send an engineer to make examination of the several locations indicated, as the law provides. The expense attending this would be small. Then, upon the report of the plan and costs to the town, it could act intelligently and as the necessities might require.

The committee also suggest that if the committee and agents of the State Board of Health agree upon a plan of drainage, the committee or some other persons be authorized to secure a competent engineer to survey the localities and make suitable drawings of the plans agreed upon, provided the cost does not exceed \$150.

Said plans and drawings to be submitted to the town at any town-meeting within the ensuing year.

T. H. DEARING.

A. E. AVERY.

H. M. WHITE.

Voted, To appropriate \$150 in accordance with the above report.

Voted, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to place flagging-stones across the streets at such places as may be deemed necessary by the Selectmen.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of June, 1890, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to build additions to the Pond Schoolhouse and to the Union Schoolhouse.

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, to be expended for the purpose of erecting additions to the Pond Schoolhouse and the Union Schoolhouse, and for fitting up said additions for school purposes.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow on the credit of the town a sum of money not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, said sum to be expended in defraying the expenses incurred in building additions to the Pond Schoolhouse and to the Union Schoolhouse, and for fitting up said additions for school purposes.

ART. 5. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended for the purpose of heating and ventilating the various school buildings.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to make such extensions to the pipes of the Braintree Water Supply Company as in their judgment they may deem necessary, taking into consideration the income to be received by

the town, and provided such extensions can be made without prejudice to the case now pending between the town and the said Water Supply Company ; and provided such extensions can be paid for out of money in the hands of the Town Treasurer, deposited in the State National Bank.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,

Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK ss.

BRAINTREE, June 17, 1890.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have likewise caused the said warrant to be published in the *Braintree Observer* once before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest : SAMUEL A. BATES, *Town Clerk.*

BRAINTREE, June 24, 1890.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order, and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Upon ballot, by the use of the check-list, Francis A. Hobart was elected moderator, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ART. 2. *Voted*, That the School Committee shall build an addition to the Pond Schoolhouse according to the plan presented by them.

Voted, That the School Committee shall build an addition to the Union Schoolhouse, but that said addition shall not be in accordance with the plan submitted to this meeting, nor shall said addition be any nearer Hollis Avenue or Washington Street than the present building.

Article 6 taken up.

Voted, To adjourn to July 8, 1890, at 8 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, July 8, 1890.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment from June 24, 1890.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Voted, To adjourn to the close of the new meeting.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, July 8, 1890.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Voted, To take Articles 3 and 4 from the table.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

NORFOLK ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Tuesday, the eighth day of July, 1890, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will rescind the vote whereby it directed the Water Commissioners to discontinue all or any operations toward furnishing a water supply for the town until the questions in controversy between the town and the Braintree Water Supply Company are settled, passed April 25, 1888.

ART. 3. To see if the town will choose a committee to examine and report the best means of supplying the educational needs of the town.

ART. 4. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at a special town-meeting, held June 24, 1890, whereby it adopted plans for additions to the Union and Pond district schoolhouses involving the probable expense of \$21,000, or more.

ART. 5. To see if the town will erect a fence between the garden of Mr. James Wilson and the yard of the Iron Works Schoolhouse.

ART. 6. To choose any committee, and hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,

Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK ss.

BRAINTREE, July 1, 1890.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town, seven days before the time set for said meeting; and I

have likewise caused the said warrant to be published in the *Braintree Observer* once before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: SAMUEL A. BATES, *Town Clerk.*

BRAINTREE, July 8, 1890.

The town assembled in accordance with the above warrant, and was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot being taken with the use of the check-list, Francis A. Hobart was chosen moderator, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Under Article 2, a motion was made to rescind, but was negatived.

Article 3 was laid on the table.

Article 4 taken up.

Voted, To rescind the vote passed June 24, 1890, whereby it adopted plans for additions to the Union and Pond district school-houses.

Article 5 taken up.

Voted, That the School Committee are hereby instructed to build a fence between the garden of Mr. James Wilson and the yard of the Iron Works Schoolhouse.

Article 6 taken up.

Voted, That a committee of six be appointed to act, advise, and confer with the School Committee as to the adoption of fit and proper plans for the additions to the Pond and Union schools, and also as to the adoption of a heating and ventilating system for the Pond, Union and High schools, and also to examine into the best means of supplying the educational needs of the town, and report at some future meeting of the town.

Voted, That said committee consist of the following citizens: Francis A. Hobart, James T. Stevens, T. Haven Dearing, A. C. Drinkwater, Edward Avery, and Thomas A. Watson.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of
Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1890, at seven and one half o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the joint committee, consisting of the members of the School Board and a special committee appointed to take into consideration the best means of supplying the educational needs of the town ; to act thereon, and to authorize said joint committee, or such other committee as the town may appoint, to carry into effect the improvements recommended in said report.

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purpose of erecting additions to the Pond Schoolhouse and the Union Schoolhouse, and for fitting up said additions for school purposes.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow on the credit of the town such sum or sums of money as the town shall appropriate or direct him to borrow ; and the money to be thus borrowed shall be expended in defraying the expenses incurred in building additions to the Pond Schoolhouse and the Union Schoolhouse, and for fitting up said additions for school purposes.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept Chap. 386 of the Acts and Resolves of the Legislature of 1890.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen in relation to any of the lawsuits now pending, in which the town is the defendant.

ART. 7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the lawsuit between the town and the mill owners.

ART. 8. To choose any committee, or hear the report of any committee, and to act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,
Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, ss.

BRAINTREE, Dec. 9, 1890.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant, at more than nine public places in said town, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the within warrant to be published in the *Braintree Observer* once before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: SAMUEL A. BATES, *Town Clerk.*

BRAINTREE, Dec. 17, 1890.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Under Article 1, Francis A. Hobart was elected moderator by the use of the check-list, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted, To adjourn this meeting to Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, 1890, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, Dec. 30, 1890.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1891, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 28, 1891.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment from Dec. 30, 1890.

Moderator called the meeting to order.

The committee to whom was referred the educational needs of the town made the following report: —

The following report of the joint committee, consisting of the School Board and a special committee appointed to act, consult, and advise with said Board as to the best means of supplying the educational needs of the town, is most respectfully submitted.

The committee had, in the first place, to consider in what respect the present schoolhouses were insufficient for the use and accommodation of all the children entitled to attend the public schools. The committee, upon inquiry and investigation, ascertained that the most serious difficulty was a lack of room and seating capacity in many of the schools, and particularly so in the Pond and Union schools. It was evident to the committee that something should be done at once in the way of remedying this difficulty, and of providing additional accommodations for the children entitled to attend these schools.

The rapid increase in our population is undoubtedly gratifying, but at the same time it is an embarrassing problem to provide the increased number of pupils incident thereto with proper and suitable accommodations.

At the Pond School, on Nov. 1, 1890, there were in attendance in grammar room, 35 pupils (48 desks); in the intermediate room, 51 pupils (48 desks); in the first primary room, 60 pupils (45 desks); in the second primary room, 59 pupils (54 desks); total number of pupils in all the rooms, 205.

At the same time last year, 187 pupils; showing an increase of 18, or 9½ per cent in one year. The overcrowded condition rendered it necessary to employ six teachers to properly instruct the large number of pupils in attendance.

It was impossible for the School Committee to procure a suitable place for a school, outside of the present building. It was, therefore, necessary to place extra desks in the aisles and passageways, in order to seat

the children. It is obvious that this causes a great deal of trouble and inconvenience to the teachers in charge, as well as having a tendency to impair the health of the scholars.

At the Union School, on Nov. 1, 1890, there were in attendance in the grammar room, 47 pupils (49 desks); in the intermediate room, 34 pupils (36 desks); in the first primary room, 46 pupils (48 desks); in the second primary room, 51 pupils (66 desks); Winter's shop, an outside room fitted up for school purposes, 28 pupils (28 desks). Total number of pupils in all rooms, 206. Last year at same time, 172; an increase of 34, or 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

Five teachers are necessarily employed in this school. An examination of the above statistics shows that the present available room is completely taken up in both the Pond and Union Schools, particularly so in the lower grades. In the next place, the committee had to consider how such additional accommodations as are obviously required might be procured. At first, two propositions suggested themselves: (1) To enlarge the present buildings; (2) to build entirely new ones. The committee, after due consideration, unanimously agreed that it would be more satisfactory and decidedly more economical to build additions to the present Pond and Union Schoolhouses. An architect was accordingly engaged to prepare plans and specifications to that end. It was the endeavor of the architect to disturb the existing buildings as little as was consistent with a proper solution of the problem. In the case of the Pond School, it has been found quite easy to add two wings to the present building without in any way disturbing the old portions. The drawings presented herewith will illustrate the arrangement. The committee recommends that the plans for the proposed extensions to the Pond School be adopted substantially as drawn and prepared by the architect, and that the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) be appropriated for the purpose of building and fitting up said extensions.

The Union School was more difficult to treat, both in exterior arrangement and in plan, as it required more radical changes to obtain a satisfactory arrangement. The additions to this building are proposed to be made by building an extension in the rear. The drawings herewith presented will illustrate the manner in which the proposed changes are to be carried into effect. The committee recommends that the proposed alterations of this building, as shown by the plans of the architect, be substantially carried out, and that the town appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for that purpose and for procuring such school fittings as may be necessary.

The committee is of the opinion that the alterations proposed to be made substantially as called for by the plans and specifications herein referred to will be entirely satisfactory in all respects, and that when these proposed extensions are completed, the town will possess, not only

interesting architecturally, but also providing sufficient, suitable, convenient, and healthful accommodations for the pupils attending them.

The committee therefore unanimously recommends that the town appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to build said additions in a proper and substantial manner, and take such further action in the premises in order that the proposed extensions may be ready for occupancy by the first day of September next.

The committee submits these suggestions at this time, because it is absolutely essential, in the opinion of the committee, that the overcrowded condition of the within-mentioned schoolhouses and compliance with the law demand immediate action on the part of the town.

It will be remembered that a year has almost passed since the School Committee was ordered by the Board of District Police to make certain improvements in said buildings, and although the Board has so far been willing to delay the carrying out of these improvements at the request of the committee on the supposition that the town was going to take action in the matter, it is doubtful how much longer they will be willing to continue this delay.

Certainly the needs of the schools, as well as the keeping of good faith with the Board, requires immediate and decisive action on the part of the town.

F. A. HOBART,
T. H. DEARING,
JAMES J. STEVENS,
THOMAS A. WATSON,
A. C. DRINKWATER,
EDW. AVERY,

Special Committee.

ALBERT E. AVERY,
L. H. H. JOHNSON,
E. A. WILDE,
MRS. R. H. MORRISON,
HENRY L. DEARING,
ANN M. BROOKS,

School Committee.

NOTE. — Though not quite satisfied with the whole plan, I sign, as probably it is the best that can be agreed upon. T. H. D.

Voted, To receive the report and discharge the committee.

Voted, That the report be referred to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That Articles 3 and 4 be referred to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That Articles 5, 6, and 7 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 8. The committee chosen Jan. 18, 1891, on law suits against the town submitted the following report:—

The committee appointed at the town-meeting held Jan. 14, 1891, to whom was referred Article 3 of the warrant, present herewith the following recommendations:—

First. In the suit of the Braintree Water Supply Company *v.* Town of Braintree, your committee are informed that, with the exception of the closing argument, the hearings have been finished, and they recommend that no action be taken by the town at the present time, other than that the same should be brought to a settlement as speedily as possible.

Second. In the suit of Mill Owners *v.* Towns of Braintree, Holbrook, and Randolph, your committee are informed that the towns of Holbrook and Randolph have appealed from the decision of the Commissioners, and asked for a jury trial, and are also informed that Braintree is bound by the action of the other towns. If this information is correct, then, since the interests of the three towns are identical, one counsel ought to be sufficient to defend our rights, and the committee recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to make such arrangements with the other towns as may be necessary to have the three towns represented by one counsel, and the expense to be shared equally; or, if the claims against the town of Braintree can be settled independently of the towns of Holbrook and Randolph, the Selectmen should be instructed to take such action advisable to settle said claims.

Third. In the suit of John Cavanagh & Sons *v.* Town of Braintree. As hearings in this suit are now in progress before a Commissioner, it has been impossible for your committee to obtain such definite information as they would like. They are of the opinion, however, that it is possible to compromise the suit without the delay and expense attendant on a long hearing, and they believe such action to be advisable. They therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by the town with full powers to act in this matter.

Fourth. In the suit of the late W. C. Boyce *v.* Town of Braintree, with the information the committee has received, would recommend the Selectmen to settle said claim at once.

Fifth. In the claim of the White heirs for mill damages against the town, the Selectmen having had notice that suit would be made, but not entered for trial, we recommend that the same committee take this matter under consideration, and, if possible, adjust the claim without further litigation.

DANIEL POTTER,
For the Committee.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 28, 1891.

Voted, 'To receive the report, and place the same on file.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the educational needs of the town and report at the annual meeting in March next.

Moderator appointed Daniel Potter, Josephus Sampson, and Thomas A. Watson.

Voted, That we adjourn.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of
Braintree, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of January, 1891, at seven and one half o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the lawsuit between the town and the mill owners.

ART. 3. To see if the town desires to take any action in relation to the lawsuits now pending.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the *Braintree Observer*. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
NATHANIEL F. HUNT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,
Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, ss.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 7, 1891.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the said warrant to be published in the *Braintree Observer* once before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: SAMUEL A. BATES, *Town Clerk.*

BRAINTREE, Jan. 14, 1891.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order, and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

A ballot was then taken under Article 1, with the use of the check-list, and B. Herbert Woodsum was declared elected moderator, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ART. 2. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to pay the expenses incurred in the lawsuit between the town and the mill owners from moneys in town treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Voted, That the Selectmen pay the bill of Thomas E. Major out of the money in the treasury.

ART. 3. *Voted*, That Article 3 be referred to a committee of five, who shall be appointed by the Chair, to take the matter into consideration and report at the next annual meeting.

Chair appointed as that committee, Daniel Potter, John Reed, Joel F. Sheppard, George H. Arnold, and George D. Willis.

Voted, To adjourn at 10.25 P. M.

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The expense incident to the furnishing of the room for the temporary school in the Winter Building, the rent paid for the same, and the salaries of the extra teachers employed, will more than account for the amount by which the total appropriations for school purposes have been overrun.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

For schools (in addition to income from school fund	
and dog tax)	\$10,400 00
Incidentals for schools	500 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	900 00
Text-books and supplies	700 00
For conveyance	200 00
Superintendent's salary	1,200 00
Total	<hr/> \$13,900 00

In one respect, at least, the past year has been a remarkable one in the history of our schools. There has been an unprecedented increase in the number of scholars, so great in some parts of the town that the accommodations proving utterly inadequate to the demand, the question at once arose as to the best method of providing additional room.

So far as one could judge, the increase was a permanent and growing one, and in providing for it the committee felt that they ought to look ahead somewhat, and not seek merely to bridge over present difficulties. In thus making plans for the future it was necessary to decide what policy should be pursued in regard to the distribution of schools over the town, whether they should be grouped together, so far as possible, in large buildings in the centres of population, or whether they should be scattered generally over the town, in small detached buildings. Braintree seemed to be well adapted to carrying out the first line of policy, there being three well-defined centres of population, all fairly easy of access to surrounding territory; and, therefore, the committee were inclined to favor this policy in case it should be found that it was likely to produce good results in the work of teachers and scholars, and to be in the line of a wise economy for the town.

It is generally agreed among those who have investigated the

subject, and it would seem plain even to the casual observer, that teachers can handle forty or even fifty pupils, all in the same grade, to better advantage than they can handle half that number, when they are in several different grades. It is possible to concentrate the attention and work out of school hours upon fewer subjects, with consequently less strain and confusion, and in the schoolroom to make the best and most economical use of time, when all the pupils are in one grade and at work on the same subjects. A town, therefore, that consolidates its schools so as to place a teacher in charge of one grade only, offers opportunities for the best quality of work, and consequently can attract better talent in the way of teaching; talent that shall be especially adapted to the age of the pupil and to the subject taught. Under this system, fewer teachers being required in proportion to the number of pupils, a town can afford to pay higher salaries, and thus insure keeping good teachers with some degree of permanence, to become identified with and take a personal interest in the community.

Furthermore, where a town has one large building, instead of several small ones, it can afford to have such a building on a more elaborate and substantial scale, something that shall be an ornament to the place and an education alike to pupils and parents.

In centres of population there is less chance of malicious injury to school buildings, and more competent janitor service can be procured. Much trouble, too, may be saved in the distribution of supplies; and finally there might be a great economy in supervision, for there would be no necessity for committees and superintendent to expend time and strength in travelling longer or shorter distances from school to school.

Such, in brief, are some of the arguments in favor of the policy of the consolidation of schools. There is, of course, something to be said on the other side, mainly confined, however, to the difficulties of pupils from the outlying districts in reaching the large central schools, and to the disadvantages of large numbers of pupils of different ages using the same playgrounds. The latter objection seems to be somewhat imaginary, and at any rate might be overcome to some extent by increasing the size of the playgrounds, and by having one teacher each day take special charge of the same during recess time. The first objection is a more serious one, and would

be entitled to much consideration if it were true of any large number of pupils. In Braintree, with large schools in the three centres of population, and outlying schools in the South and West districts, few if any pupils would have to go an unreasonable distance. In case of the few that were out of reach, it would be more economical to furnish transportation than to establish schools for them. In fact, the number of schools would have to be very large in order to bring every pupil within easy distance.

The question is not a new one, for the policy of the consolidation of schools has been successfully tried in other towns, notably in Concord, in this State, and is strongly recommended by the State Board of Education. The committee, therefore, after a careful consideration of the whole subject, decided to adopt this policy in Braintree, and to plan the additional accommodations needed, in accordance therewith.

The Union and Pond schoolhouses were centrally located, and, being good buildings so far as they went, it seemed desirable to add to them, if this could be conveniently and economically done, rather than to build entirely new buildings. It seemed desirable, too, by these additions, to make them eight-room buildings at once, for although the present numbers would not perhaps justify placing one teacher in charge of each grade, yet everything pointed to the certainty of this being both possible and necessary within a very short time. By making the whole addition at one and the same time, much might be saved in the way of time and money, and a more harmonious whole, in the way of a building, obtained.

In the case of the East part of the town, neither the location nor the buildings of either of the present schoolhouses seemed favorable to any such enlargement, and it was part of the committee's plan to build an entirely new eight-room building in some central location in that part of the town, when the number of pupils should make it advisable and necessary.

An architect was employed to make plans of the proposed additions to the Pond and Union schoolhouses, with what seemed to the committee very favorable results. Two eight-room buildings, well arranged, and capable of excellent heating and ventilation, were to be obtained at a fairly moderate cost. The plans were submitted to the town in July last, and an appropriation asked to

carry them out. The whole matter was referred to a special committee to act with the School Committee, and report at a future meeting. This action made it necessary to postpone any building operations for a year, and temporary quarters were procured for the overflow of the Union schools in the Winter Building. No such quarters were obtainable in the Pond district, and in consequence the rooms in the Pond Schoolhouse have been very much overcrowded, seats being placed in every available space in the aisles, and even on the platform, greatly to the detriment of work and health among pupils and teachers. The special committee and the School Committee have unanimously agreed upon the plans substantially as recommended by the School Committee, and it is earnestly hoped that the town may take favorable action thereon, in such season that all may be in readiness to begin work as soon as the schools close next summer.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The committee still think that the High School ought to have better accommodations, and that a change from the present quarters will be an absolute necessity before long. It has seemed best, however, not to urge this matter further until the other and more pressing needs of the lower grades have been met. When the time comes for providing larger and better equipped accommodations, the committee hope to remodel and improve the High School somewhat, perhaps adding another year to the course.

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

The largest number of pupils actually attending this school at any one time last year, was eight, and the prospect was that this number would not be increased in September, but rather diminished. It seemed somewhat expensive to hire a teacher, and pay for the care, heating, and repairs of a building for such a very small number of pupils. The school was not reopened in September, therefore, and some of the pupils were enrolled in the West School, and the remainder in the Pond schools. The action was certainly wise from an economic stand-point, and not detrimental to the children, who, without going an unreasonable distance, could get the benefit of better graded schools.

TEACHERS.

There have been some few changes and additions to the corps of teachers during the past year. On account of the large number of pupils, assistant teachers were employed in the Pond First and Second Primary schools, in September last. In the Union Second Primary, an additional teacher was procured at the same time, to take the place of Miss Hadley, who had been put in charge of the temporary school in the Winter Building. For various reasons three teachers resigned in the course of the year, and one teacher left on account of the closing of her school. All of these, however, were teachers who had been recently employed, and the committee was fortunate in being able to fill their places with seemingly excellent material. The older and more reliable teachers have remained, and the town may congratulate itself, on the whole, upon having an earnest and intelligent body of men and women to look after the education of its children. This is in a measure due to the more generous treatment accorded of late years, and even during the present year the committee made a slight increase in salary in one or two instances, where long and faithful service, combined with good ability, made it seem not only just, but in the best interests of the town so to do. The matter of fixing salaries so as to procure and keep good teachers, and still be within the bounds of what the town can reasonably afford to pay, is one of no small difficulty, and is one which has cost the committee much time and thought.

Teachers' meetings have been held at regular intervals during the year, and the questions of general educational interest discussed thereat have been of assistance to both Superintendent and teachers in securing uniform and systematic ideas of the best methods of work.

The practice of allowing teachers one or two days in the course of a year, in which to visit other schools, is productive of excellent results when a conscientious and intelligent use is made of such opportunities.

EXAMINATIONS.

For some years the committee has given a good deal of consideration, from time to time, to the question of examinations; in other

words, as to the best method of ascertaining fitness for promotion in the various grades, and more especially for entrance to the High School. The old method of one examination in writing at the end of the year for admission to the High School, and oral examinations twice a year in the lower grades, often worked serious injustice to some and promoted others who were not properly fitted. The plan substituted in place of this, of having four written examinations during the year in the four upper grades, and making it necessary to obtain a certain average in all four examinations to insure promotion and entrance to the High School, worked well in some ways, but was cumbersome and consumed too much time, both on the part of pupils and teachers. In September the committee adopted still another plan, which it is hoped will give satisfactory results. Two written examinations, one at the end of each term, will be given in the four upper grades. In addition to this, the Superintendent will give short written tests every four or five weeks, without previous notice, the results of which will be recorded, and finally the teachers are required, as often as once a week, to make a record of the daily work of each pupil. The results of all of these will be considered in making promotions. Thus ample opportunity will be given to show what knowledge has been gained, what progress made, what work done, without the expenditure of too much time and strength. A new system of marking has also been adopted, which it is hoped will do away with the dissatisfaction, and often injustice, of having small and even fractional differences sometimes influence results.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The expenditure under this head has somewhat overrun the appropriation during the past year, one reason being that large renewals have been necessary. The expense not being materially larger, and the old books in this case being worth something in exchange, the occasion was taken to introduce a number of new and improved text-books. These have so far proved very satisfactory, and have been a help towards carrying out the new course of study begun in September.

BUILDINGS.

It has always been the aim and policy of the committee to keep the property under their charge in good condition, the idea being that this was the best economy in the end, and, furthermore, that it was easier for the town each year to expend a moderate amount than at irregular intervals to be called on for extraordinary expenditures, as would certainly be the case if needed repairs were left to the last possible moment.

The amount appropriated under the head of incidentals for schoolhouses, last March, was somewhat larger than usual, and most of it has been expended to good purpose in the directions then proposed. It was thought best, however, not to do anything about painting the Union Schoolhouse until a decision was reached in regard to the proposed additional accommodations, as, in case additions to or changes in the present building were made the work of painting would have to be done all over again.

In the Iron Works Schoolhouse it was decided not to put a new floor into the intermediate room this year, but instead to renew the furniture in the grammar room, the old furniture being inconvenient in kind and much dilapidated. The new furniture here, as well as that bought for the temporary school in the Winter Building, is of the best and strongest kind, and would of course be available in any new buildings or additions that might be built.

Nothing has been done in regard to more improved methods of heating and ventilation, nor is any special recommendation now made in this direction, for it has seemed best to the committee to delay even the carrying out of the directions of the Chief of District Police, until the matter of the additional accommodations should be settled, so that some general plan might be proposed.

CONVEYANCE.

At the last annual town-meeting the sum of \$200 was appropriated for the purposes of conveyance. With this money, or such portion of it as was necessary, season tickets have been purchased for all the pupils in the High School coming from the East part of the town, thirteen in number. These children have thus been able to attend school regularly, without travelling great distances over

rough and exposed roads, a thing often dangerous to their health, and sometimes impossible to accomplish under any circumstances. This is a piece of justice that has long been deferred, and the committee and all concerned feel grateful that the town has at last been willing to carry it out.

IN GENERAL.

The committee feel justified in saying that the schools in Braintree are making satisfactory progress. The methods used and the results obtained will compare favorably with those of other towns of the same size throughout the State. The great drawback and chief source of complaint from all the teachers is irregularity in attendance. When this arises from sickness, it is, of course, only a subject for regret; but when it is caused by parents keeping their children at home to do work or run errands, then there is cause for very serious complaint. Not only are such parents breaking the law, they are deliberately sacrificing the future of those committed to their care. They should, instead, make every possible effort to allow their children to take full advantage of the privileges afforded by the town. If they would do this, and manifest interest themselves by visiting the schools, they would be amply repaid by the increased progress and improvement of their children.

In closing, the committee would ask the careful attention of all interested to the Superintendent's report, hereto appended.

A. E. AVERY.

A. M. BROOKS.

E. A. WILD.

R. H. MORRISON.

H. L. DEARING.

L. H. H. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BRAINTREE :

Ladies and Gentlemen, — To gauge accurately for a single year the development of so complex an institution as the public schools of a rapidly growing town is a difficult task, because of the numerous and variable elements entering into it. In presenting this sixth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, and the second of the present incumbent, the truth of that statement seems to be well illustrated.

While the progress made by our schools during the past year is highly gratifying, it must not be assumed that the advance has been equal in all directions, or that there have been no failures and no occasions for criticism.

On the other hand, because there is occasion for criticism and change in some directions, it does not follow that our schools are failures, or are in the worst condition possible ; for that would be an unfair appreciation of the good things accomplished.

For whatever good results follow the efforts of the Superintendent, large credit is due the Committee because of their cordial favor and support, and to the teachers because of their friendly co-operation.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance of pupils was much interrupted last spring by the prevalence of influenza and measles. It became necessary to close the Middle Street School for two weeks, and the East School for one week. This winter, whooping-cough and mumps are causing much absence.

Of the absence for other reasons than sickness, by far the larger part, at least three fourths, is due to a very few pupils ; and they are the ones who can least afford to lose the benefits of common education. It would be a blessing to these delinquent pupils, and to their parents, if their regular attendance could be secured.

INADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS.

The owner of a valuable horse takes care that the “noble animal” has warm, commodious, well-ventilated quarters.

Our children, “the hope of the nation,” have a fair right to a corresponding care in the buildings erected for their education.

Two hundred and fifty cubic feet of space is considered a proper minimum for each pupil in a schoolroom. Certainly, in a space much smaller than that, the best results are not easily attainable, and the welfare of the pupil is jeopardized.

The cubic feet of space in the rooms of the three large school-houses, and the present amount for each pupil are as follows:—

SCHOOL AND ROOM.	Cubic feet of space.	Space for each pupil.
POND SCHOOL:—		
Grammar Room.....	11,687	334
Intermediate Room.....	11,687	225
First Primary Room	9,269	154
Second Primary Room.....	9,269	160
UNION SCHOOL:—		
Grammar Room.....	10,497	244
Intermediate Room.....	8,542	237
First Primary Room.....	8,415	179
Second Primary Room.....	8,415	165
IRON WORKS SCHOOL:—		
Grammar Room.....	8,781	251
Intermediate Room.....	6,075	141
First Primary Room.....	6,515	260
Second Primary Room	8,781	191

Lassitude, inattention, loss of power to study, headache, lung and throat diseases, impaired vision, infirm health, are, in many cases, traceable to the vitiated air of the schoolroom as the efficient cause.

COURSE OF STUDY.

It is becoming more and more evident that we are trying to accomplish a greater amount of work than can be done well in the time allotted. The teachers are ready to “get the pupils over” the work assigned, but it cannot be done satisfactorily to any one; and hence they have been advised to insist on thoroughness rather than amount.

The average age of the class that entered the High School this year was fourteen years and six months, and that average is not likely to be materially changed for many years to come. It is as much work as a pupil of ordinary ability can do well to complete the studies of the grammar and primary schools in nine years. To ask him to complete them in eight years results in just what would naturally follow, — either a work incompleting or a knowledge half acquired. To insist upon mental work that is more difficult or more severe than the immature mind can sustain, is to do an unqualified injury.

A little saving of time has been made by abolishing the half-time attendance of the first grade after the first of November. A still further saving could be made by allowing beginners to enter in April, in order to become accustomed to attending school and to school ways, if the present accommodations of the schools did not forbid it.

The real need, however, is an additional year to the course of study, — for which also there are no accommodations.

RECORDS OF SCHOLARSHIP.

In place of the four written examinations of last year, there have been substituted two written examinations, a series of occasional written tests by the Superintendent, and a weekly record of standing kept by the teachers. The object of the weekly record is to ascertain in a general way the pupils' studiousness and success in daily work; the written tests are to try the pupils' apprehension and power of application of the subjects in hand; and the written examinations are for the purpose of recording the pupils' attainment in comprehending and retaining the work of a term. A comparison of these three records is to form the basis for promotion at the end of the year.

While it is too early to judge fully the merits of this system the indications thus far are entirely favorable to its retention and faithful trial. A stronger and steadier interest in daily work and a livelier sense of the practical bearing of the various studies are manifest on the part of the pupils; and there is much less temptation to regard the written examination as the great end of study and effort.

MARKING SYSTEM.

Education is not merchandise; and there is an incongruity in assigning a money value to it, or in measuring it by an exact per cent.

Fine distinctions as to amount of mental acquisition or development, such as lead to averaging and determining individual rank, are misleading. Not the close, sharp marking of an expert, but a broad, general system that encourages the faithfulness of all rather than the brilliancy of a few, is desirable in connection with the public schools.

It is even more important to avoid a slavish devotion to the imaginary virtue of the highest standing in a class. The highest standing during school life is no guaranty of equal honor in the struggles and vicissitudes of later years; and it is a fair criticism of the public school that it fails of a just appreciation of abilities when it undertakes to measure scholarship with the precision of a per cent.

The five-mark system introduced this year, although a radical change from the per cent system, promises well to promote a more just record and to dispel some false notions.

TEXT-BOOKS AND STUDIES.

The new books introduced in September have already justified the extra expense involved above the outlay that would have been required in replacing the old ones.

In the Wentworth Arithmetics, more attention is given to developing carefulness and thinking on the part of the pupils, and less to the formal statement of special rules. The problems, also, are more closely related to those of actual business.

“Coggswell’s Lessons in Number” commends itself for primary use by its simplicity and thoroughness.

“Hyde’s Lessons in English” has made a very noticeable change for the better in the language work of the upper primary and intermediate grades; and it is recommended that next year corresponding work of the same author be introduced into the grammar grades.

The course in reading suggested in the last report has been put

in operation, the Monroe Readers being used in all grades for study and drill. A decided gain in the quality of articulation and in the power of expression is apparent. The supplementary readers have been distributed in sets of six in the graded schools, and in sets of three in all other schools. This arrangement does away with the confusion of a wholesale exchange of books every few weeks, provides for a grading of reading-matter in all the rooms, and promotes reading at sight. In the lower primary grades, it seems that six of a kind is too small a number of books, and that a complete set for each pupil is quite desirable.

The great embarrassment of trying to use two text-books in geography has been done away by completing the introduction of Warren's Geographies that was begun several years ago. The result is a much-needed relief. A careful and systematic rearrangement of the subject-matter of the text-book, with some supplementary reading and practical exercises, would still further improve the instruction given in this branch.

The instruction in history would be improved by less confinement to the order and phraseology of the book, by a topical method requiring individual study, and by a closer connection with geography and with the institutions and events of to-day.

An attempt is being made to enforce the legal requirements concerning instruction in physiology, and especially with reference to the use of intoxicating drinks and narcotics.

In the last annual report, a plea was made for special instruction in music and drawing. That instruction has not been furnished, and the condition of those branches is not creditable to the town. Every town contiguous to Braintree has a special teacher of music. An appropriation of \$300 would secure one for Braintree.

PHYSICAL AND MANUAL TRAINING.

There is a widespread movement amongst educators for the purpose of securing more scientific and practical attention to physical training. Erectness, symmetry, tone, ease of carriage, are not conducive to fine personal appearance alone; they are highly important to health and vigor of body and mind. Gymnastics occupied a large place in ancient Greek education. It well becomes us

to profit by the example of those whose excellence in art, in scholarship, and in philosophy has not been surpassed by any nation since.

Manual training is also coming more and more into prominence, and is taking a more practical form, as the wisdom of it is more clearly seen and felt. It would be well to introduce some features of manual training at an early day, and meanwhile to determine what those features shall be.

The schoolhouse of the near future will probably contain a separate room for physical training, manual training, and practical exercises.

HIGH SCHOOL.

With the exception of a more rigid attention to the standard for entrance, no action has been taken toward improving the condition and prospects of the High School.

The suggestions of last year are simply to be repeated with emphasis. When a fair consideration is given to the actual condition of the ventilation, the light, the desks, the apparatus, and the course of study, much credit is to be accorded to teachers and pupils for the attainments made.

One year ago, there were forty-two pupils in the highest grade of the grammar schools, possible candidates for the High School. If they had all entered a change in the accommodations would have been necessary; but only thirty appeared in September, and these, with the usual decreased membership of the upper classes, made the whole number of pupils in the High School a little smaller than that of last year. Thus an immediate change was averted. But this year there are *sixty-nine* pupils in the highest grade of the grammar schools, and if a like proportion enter the High School next September, there will be fifty to be accommodated, instead of thirty, as this year.

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

In the public schools, as nowhere else, there is opportunity for encouraging public spirit, — not the clannishness that is contented to rival some other community, but a freeman's interest in the welfare of his own village, that impels him to generous and hearty support of measures that will advance his neighbors as well as him-

self in the pursuit of the blessings of life. By suggesting and encouraging the united action of the pupils in the protection and improvement of school property, in procuring desirable apparatus, in the planting and care of trees and flowers, in observing public days; by teaching to observe what things in the community are attractive and excellent, and what would be desirable, but are lacking; and by discouraging whatever hinders true loyalty to public interests, the foundation will be laid for manifold good works in the days to come.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Arrangements have been made for holding meetings of the teachers about once a month, during the year.

At these meetings, practical questions affecting the methods of instruction are presented and discussed by the teachers, by the agents of the State Board of Education, or by other educators, and always with direct reference to the improvement of our schools.

The teachers also report, for the benefit of all, the excellences and defects of schools they have visited.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

The town is to be congratulated in having so many faithful, capable teachers. Their talents and services deserve more than a passing word. To apprehend the condition and needs of the youthful mind, to engage and hold its interest, to apply systematic training, to arrange and impart requisite information, and to inculcate noble sentiments and aspirations, — that is, *to teach*, — is an art of a very high order; and the practise of this art calls for talent in no way inferior to that needed in the practise of any profession. If we owe any gratitude to the force of character and beneficent instruction of a former teacher, let us pay the debt in part by appreciating more adequately the abilities and labors of the excellent teachers now at work.

There is need, also, that better opportunities and greater encouragement be afforded to those who have the desire and the natural qualifications to fit themselves for teachers. We are losing many who might become good teachers, through the greater inducements of other callings; and the talent we ought to command is not easy to secure.

OUTLOOK.

Many of the suggestions offered involve an increase in expenditures. That is unavoidable, and should be willingly provided. It is our desire and our duty to maintain the highest welfare of our schools. Without waste and without extravagance, it is still as true in school affairs as elsewhere, that whatever is valuable costs something.

The actual membership of the schools has increased ten per cent during the year, and in the graded schools the increase is fifteen per cent. This means a corresponding increase in the annual expenses of the schools. There is every prospect of an equally large increase during the year to come; and this calls for an immediate and large increase in accommodations. A similar increase in business interests and in the valuation of the town seems to justify a much larger appropriation for schools.

The call is great, the resources are ample, the will of the people is good, — and every unnecessary delay involves loss and needless hindrance. With prompt liberality and wise administration, our schools will be sure to advance to the full realization of our highest hopes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. FEARING.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Total number of books and pamphlets in the schools, Feb. 1, 1891	5,757
Total number of books and pamphlets on hand Feb. 1, 1891	490
Total number of slates in the schools, Feb. 1, 1891	688
Total number of slates on hand, Feb. 1, 1891	18
Maps, charts, and apparatus to the estimated value of	\$275
Other supplies on hand to the estimated value of	\$100

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Population of town, census of 1890	4,848
Number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age, May 1, 1890	671
Number of children in town between eight and fourteen years of age, May 1, 1890	396
Number of children under five years of age attending school during the year	0
Number of children under eight years of age attending school during the year	269
Number of children between eight and fourteen years of age attending school during the year	458
Number of children fourteen years of age attending school during the year	62
Number of children over fifteen years of age attending school during the year	75
Total number enrolled during the year	864
Average number belonging during the year	768.56
Average number belonging during the year 1889-1890	700.89
Average daily attendance	705.21
Per cent of attendance for the year	91.76
Per cent of attendance for the year 1889-1890	91.90

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different pupils enrolled.	Average member- ship for the year.	Average member- ship in 1889-1890.	Average attend- ance for the year.	Per cent of attend- ance.	Per cent of attend- ance in 1889-1890.
High School	76	74.54	71.17	71.96	96.55	97.13
Union Grammar	46	41.79	37.23	38.98	93.28	92.82
“ Intermediate	39	33.23	34.12	30.91	93.02	92.65
“ First Primary	45	41.68	34.13	38.33	91.98	90.65
“ Second Primary (to July)	67	59.05	57.20	51.69	87.54	88.84
“ “ Grade II. (from September)	5	25.25	-	23.35	92.48	-
“ “ “ I. (from September)	38	44.56	-	39.32	88.24	-
Pond Grammar	40	35.97	40.01	33.70	93.69	93.05
“ Intermediate	51	46.62	38.56	43.18	92.62	91.56
“ First Primary	50	51.79	44.13	47.73	92.16	88.93
“ Second Primary	87	54.16	54.33	48.57	89.68	89.81
Iron Works Grammar	30	30.25	26.37	28.70	94.88	94.64
“ “ Intermediate	45	39.76	42.25	36.03	90.62	95.18
“ “ First Primary	23	23.99	27.73	22.19	92.50	93.20
“ “ Second Primary	55	40.35	50.05	36.07	89.39	91.05
East Primary	41	28.96	26.37	26.38	91.09	92.01
Middle Street	44	31.52	33.07	28.30	89.78	91.16
South	45	35.29	36.33	32.39	91.78	89.76
Southwest (closed in June)	10	9.00	11.02	8.27	91.89	95.19
West	27	20.80	20.57	19.16	92.12	82.86
In all Schools	864	768.56	700.89	705.21	91.76	91.90

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOLS. — SEPTEMBER, 1890.

SCHOOLS.	Grade I.	Grade II.	Grade III.	Grade IV.	Grade V.	Grade VI.	Grade VII.	Grade VIII.	Total member- ship of School.
Union	50	26	30	17	16	20	17	26	202
Pond	30	28	31	26	26	26	17	18	202
Iron Works	29	17	12	13	23	20	19	16	149
East Primary	13	5	8	5	..	..	..	..	31
Middle Street	9	7	1	10	3	4	..	..	34
South	4	6	4	6	8	1	3	8	40
West	3	6	..	9	6	3	..	..	27
	<u>138</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>685</u>
Total in each grade.....									
High School:									
Senior Class .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Middle Class .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Junior Class .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
									<u>78</u>
Total .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>763</u>
Total in all Schools .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Between Sept. 30, and Jan. 31, thirty-five new pupils were admitted to the schools.

TEACHERS.

NAMES.	SCHOOL.	GRADES.	SALARY.	WHEN FIRST ELECTED.
Charles E. Stetson.....	High	Principal.....	\$1,200	November, 1872.
Carrie M. Basset.....	High	Assistant	600	April, 1885.
Herbert E. Walker.....	Union	VII. and VIII..	700	September, 1886.
Abbie A. Mills.....	Union	V. and VI.....	480	April, 1882.
Erminnie A. French.....	Union	III. and IV....	320	September, 1890.
Sarah L. Hadley.....	Union	II.....	400	April, 1885.
Julia A. Williams.....	Union	I.....	320	September, 1890.
Fred. H. Saunders.....	Pond	VII. and VIII..	700	September, 1887.
Sarah M. Aldrich	Pond	V. and VI.....	480	September, 1890.
Carrie L. Whiting.....	Pond	III. and IV....	400	September, 1890.
Sarah L. Arnold	Pond	I. and II.....	400	October, 1884.
Victoria P. Wilde.....	Iron Works.....	VII. and VIII..	700	November, 1861.
Mary L. Crowe	Iron Works.....	V. and VI.....	480	November, 1882.
Nellie E. Bowles.....	Iron Works.....	III. and IV....	400	September, 1889.
Avis A. Thayer.....	Iron Works.....	I. and II.....	400	September, 1877.
Theresa M. Jenkins.....	East.....	I., II., III., IV.	400	September, 1889.
Mabel L. Bates.....	Middle Street..	Mixed.....	400	September, 1886.
Margaret E. C. Bannon.....	South	Mixed.....	480	September, 1874.
Hannah C. Whelan.....	West	Mixed.....	320	September, 1890.

Emma M. Kane and Annie M. Brooks are employed as assistants, at nominal salaries, in the primary grades of Pond School.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Albert E. Avery, Chairman.	Term expires in . . .	1893
Henry L. Dearing.	Term expires in . . .	1891
L. H. H. Johnson, Secretary.	Term expires in . . .	1891
E. A. Wilde.	Term expires in . . .	1891
Mrs. A. M. Brooks.	Term expires in . . .	1892
Mrs. R. H. Morrison.	Term expires in . . .	1892

Regular meetings are held at the Town Hall, on the last Monday afternoon of each month.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

CLARENCE W. FEARING.

OFFICE HOURS :

Mondays: 8.30 to 9.30 A. M., at Town Hall.

Tuesdays: 4 to 5 P. M., at Union Schoolhouse.

Wednesdays: 3.30 to 4.30 P. M., at Iron Works Schoolhouse.

Thursdays: 4 to 5 P. M., at Town Hall.

P. O. address: "Box 60, Braintree."

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL
 Graduation Exercises,

IN THE TOWN HALL, JUNE 26, 1890, AT 7.45 P. M.

Votto : Fidei certa merces.

—•••PROGRAMME•••—

DECLAMATION	Teachings of the American Revolution FRANK E. WOODWORTH.
RECITATION	Engineer's Making Love. S. LINA SIMMONS.
MUSIC	Piano. ALBINA M. CAIN.
DECLAMATION	Gen. Taylor's Military Career. THOMAS P. HARRISON.
READING	The Swan Song of Parson Avery. E. FANNY HAYWARD.
SINGING	Morn is Beginning. SCHOOL.
READING	The Three Sisters. LIZZIE M. HOBART.

Columbia's Wit and Wisdom.

<i>Columbia</i>	ELSIE E. DRINKWATER.
<i>Maine</i>	ALBINA M. CAIN.
<i>New York</i>	MARY J. DOWNES.
<i>Rhode Island</i>	DAISY M. DYER.
<i>Ohio</i>	ALICE L. FOSTER.
<i>Maryland</i>	E. FANNY HAYWARD.

<i>Pennsylvania</i>	.	.	.	.	.	LIZZIE M. HOBART.
<i>South Carolina</i>	.	.	.	.	.	MARGARETTA MCDOWELL.
<i>New Jersey</i>	.	.	.	.	.	MARY A. MCGOERTY.
<i>Massachusetts</i>	.	.	.	.	.	LILLIAN E. MERRITT.
<i>Vermont</i>	.	.	.	.	.	BESSIE C. MORRISON.
<i>Virginia</i>	.	.	.	.	.	SADIE L. PORTER.
<i>Louisiana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	EDITH M. TRUFANT.
<i>Indiana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	S. LINA SIMMONS.
<i>Connecticut</i>	.	.	.	.	.	MARIE A. THAYER.
<i>New Hampshire</i>	.	.	.	.	.	MINNIE S. YOUNG.
<i>Teacher</i>	.	.	.	.	.	ALICE M. LONG.

DECLAMATION	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Liberty.
										CARROLL A. HOLBROOK.
SINGING	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A Sail in Sight.
										DAISY M. DYER, GRACE H. MORELAND.
ESSAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Class Prophecy.
										ALICE M. LONG.
SINGING	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wake Not Dreaming Maiden.
										SCHOOL.
RECITATION	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	The Women of Mumble's Head.
										BESSIE C. MORRISON.
ESSAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Duty.
										MARY M. MISCHLER.
SINGING	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	My Native Land.
										SCHOOL.
RECITATION	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Little Carl.
										MARIE A. THAYER.
ESSAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A Stone fit for the Wall will not be left in the Road.
										EFFIE L. COFFIN.

Presentation of Diplomas.

GRADUATING CLASS.

ALBINA M. CAIN.

MARY J. DOWNES.

HADASSAH M. DYER.

EMMA F. HAYWARD.

ALICE M. LONG.

MARY A. McGOERTY.

MARY M. MISCHLER.

SARAH L. PORTER.

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